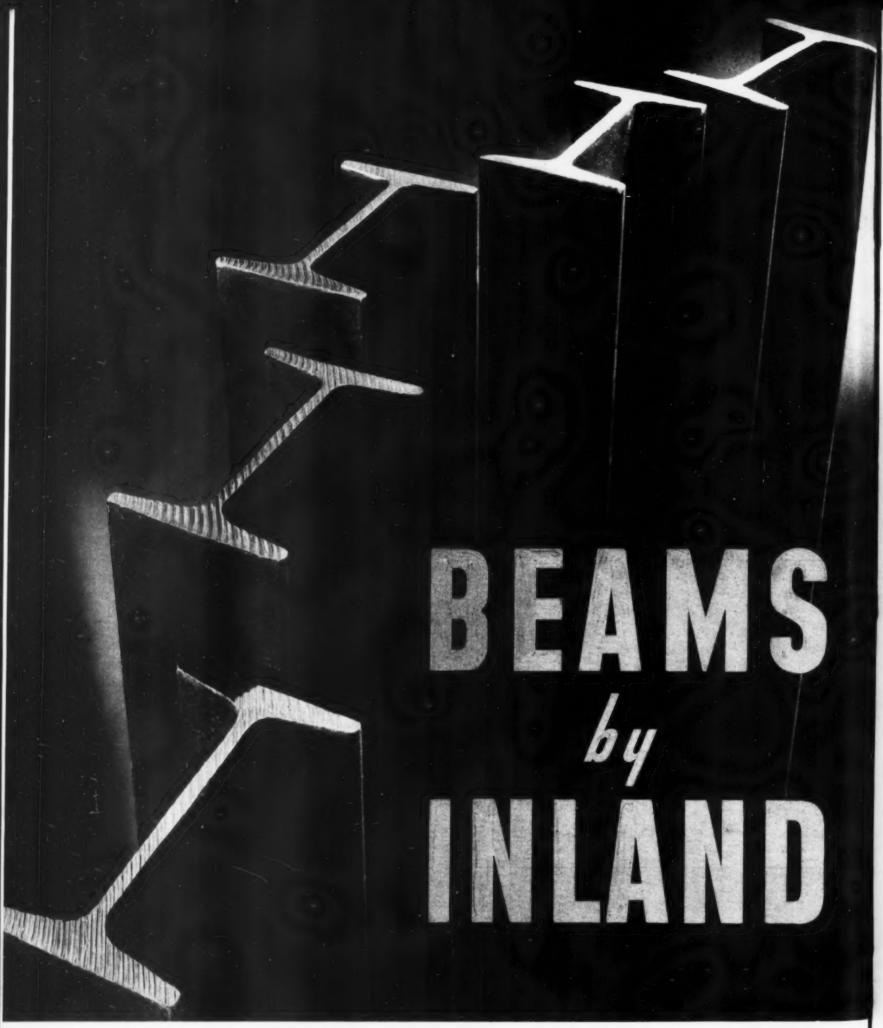
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#### CURRENT JOBS

.... and Who's Doing Them

BUILDINGS I

Public—In Warren, Mich., Bryant & Detwiler Co., of Detroit, will construct for the Hudson Motor Car Co. naval equipment plant for \$16,000,000. Bridgeport Brass Co., of Bridgeport, Conn., received War Department contract to port Brass Co.. of Bridgeport, Conn., received War Department contract to construct and equip plant for manufacture of cartridge cases in Indianapolis, Ind., for \$11,500,000, to be financed by Defense Plant Corp. Successful bidders for contract to build new Consolidated Aircraft Co. plant in Tulsa, Okla., were Manhattan Construction Co.. of Muskogee, and Long Construction Co.. of Kansas ity, Mo., with price of \$10,476,400 on cost-plus-fixed-fee basis. Austin Co.. of Cleveland, Ohio, will build bomber assembly plant in Fort Worth, Tex., for Consolidated Aircraft Corp., at cost of \$10,000,000. In Sheffield, Ala., F. H. McGraw Co.. of New York, will construct for Reynolds Metal Co. aluminum rolling mill for \$10,000,000. Contract for bag-loading plant in Childersburg, Ala., was awarded to Sullivan-Long & Hagerty, local contractors, and Algernon Blair, of Montgomery, for \$9,456,816. Walter Kidde Constructors, Inc., of New York, will erect brick and steel manufacturing building for crankcases for airplane engines in Harrison, N. J., for \$6,955,000, including equipment. In Mineral Wells, Tex., Cage Bros., of Austin, and F. M. Reeves & Son. Inc., of Bishop, were awarded contract to construct temporary housing facilities for 18,000 troops at Camp Wolters for \$5,981,682 on cost-plus-fixed-lee basis.

In Ravenna, Ohio, Hunkin-Conkey Construction Co., of Cleveland, will erect Army storage depot at cost of \$4,039,675. American Brass Co., of Waterbury, Conn., will construct and equip plant for manufacture of ammunition brass

Conn., will construct and equip plant for manufacture of ammunition brass and ammunition cups in Kenosha, Wis., for War Department, at cost of \$4,750,000, to be financed by Defense Plant Corp. Contract for housing facilities in Charleston, S. C., was awarded to J. A. Jones Construction Co., of Charlotte, N. C., for \$3,924,607.

#### **HEAVY CONSTRUCTION III**

Construction of drydock at Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa., is under way by Drydock Associates, of New York, for approximately \$8,000,000. In Bayonne, N. J., drydock and naval supply terminal are under construction by George H. Flinn Corp., of New York City, and Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co., of Chicago, Ill., for \$10,000,000 and \$5,000,000 respectively. Contract for naval supply depot in Bayonne, N. J., was awarded to Wigton-Abbott Corp., and Mahony Troast Construction Co., of Plainfield, for \$3,000,000 on cost-plus-fixed-fee basis. Geo. W. Rogers Construction Corp., of New York, will construct shipway and pier in Mariners Harbor, N. Y., for Bethlehem Steel Co., at an estimated cost of \$3,406,000. Contract for harbor defense, including heavy concrete construction at Cape Henlopen, Del., Ft. Saulsbury, Del., and Cape May, N. J., was awarded to White Construction Co., of New York, and George & Lynch. Inc., of Wilmington, Del., at price of \$3,500,000. McWilliams. Dredging Co., of Chicago, Ill., was low bidder for contract to dredge Cooper River Tail canal of Santee-Cooper project in South Carolina, at price of \$2,327,450.

Among recent highway and bridge contract awards are the following: California: \$796,000 to Radich & Brown. of Burbank. Indiana: \$666,181 to Thomas McQueen Co., of Forest Park; \$602,247 to Calumet Paving Co., of Indianapolis. Kentucky: \$429,665 to Allen-Codell Co., of Winchester; \$379,704 to O. V. Arnett, of Berea; \$239,131 to F. J. Snider, of Elizabethtown, and Gorman Construction Co., of Flemingsburg. Minnesota: \$286,503 to A. A. Bodin & Son. of Duluth; \$304,939 to Central States Construction Co., of Duluth, and Whitmas & Borg, of Bovey. North Carolina: \$746,953 to Lowdermilk Bros., of Denver, Colo, Pennsylvania: \$318,785 to A. Eidemiller, of Greensburg; \$401,907 to Tri-State Engineering Co., of Washington. South Carolina: \$322,170 to Rober Lee, Inc., of Myrtle Beach. Tennessee: \$566,016 to J. B. Michael & Co., of Memphis. In Washington, D. C., viaduct is under construction by James McGraw Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., at cost of \$400,000. Robinson & Steinman, of New York City, will build two bridges in Bradenton, Fla., for \$1,500,000.

#### Federal Government **Needs Engineers**

A new examination for engineering positions in the Federal Government, paying from \$2,600 to \$5,600, is announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Applications will be rated as received up to June 30, 1942. Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Commission or at any first or second-class post office. Duties include design, construction and research.



For the benefit of readers concerned with the practical application of method or equipment the following references are to articles or illustrations in this issue that tell:

How \$41,000,000 POWDER PLANT was built by 21,000 construction How JOB MANAGEMENT and labor supervision were organized on huge powder plant project.

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How GIN POLE and pick-up frame placed curved plates for steel How CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT on big job was organized and operated to reduce idle time.

How CANVAS HOUSING protected concrete for filter beds during

—p. 52 cold weather.

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How **NIGHT WORK** was conducted with aid of portable flood. lighting plants.

How PONTOON-MOUNTED CONVEYOR belts carried stripped
—p. 58 earth for disposal in pond.

How TUNNEL CROSS-SECTIONS were taken with mobile rig equipped with radial "feelers."

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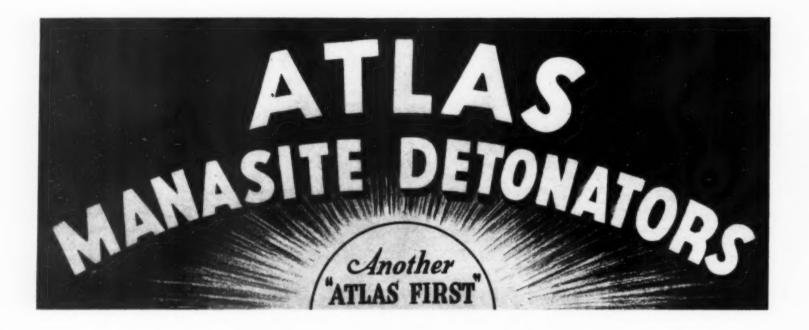


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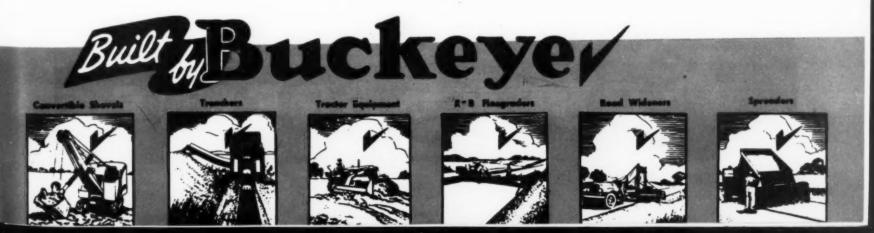
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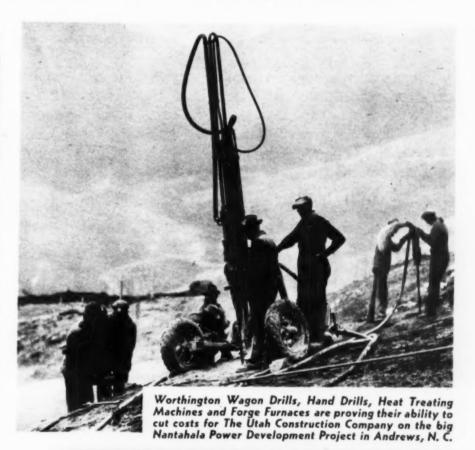
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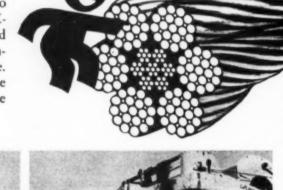
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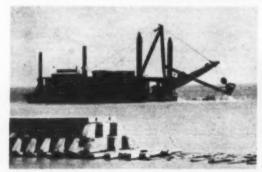
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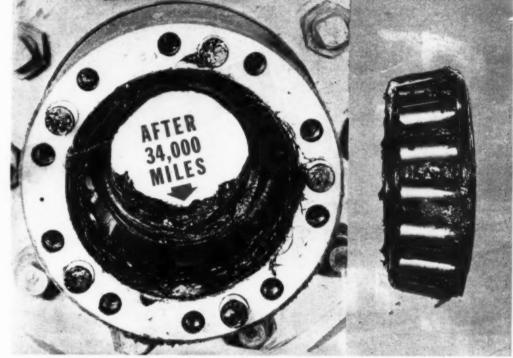
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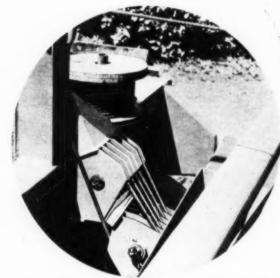
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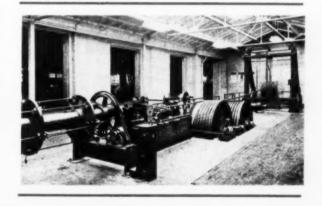
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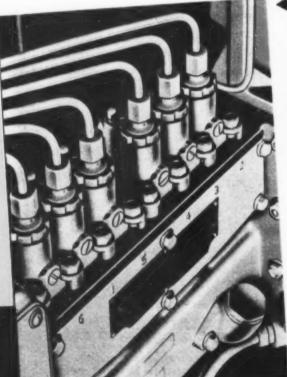
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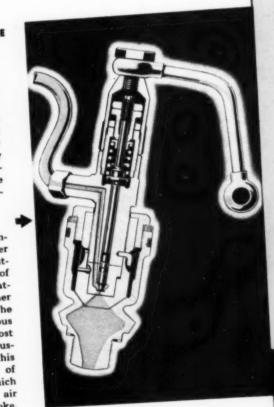


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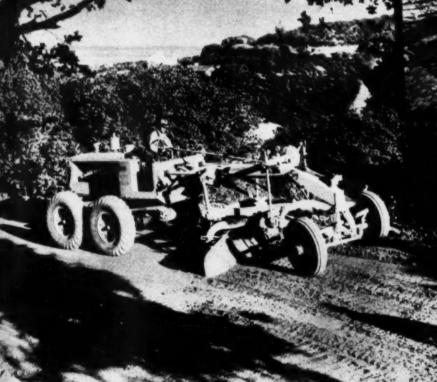


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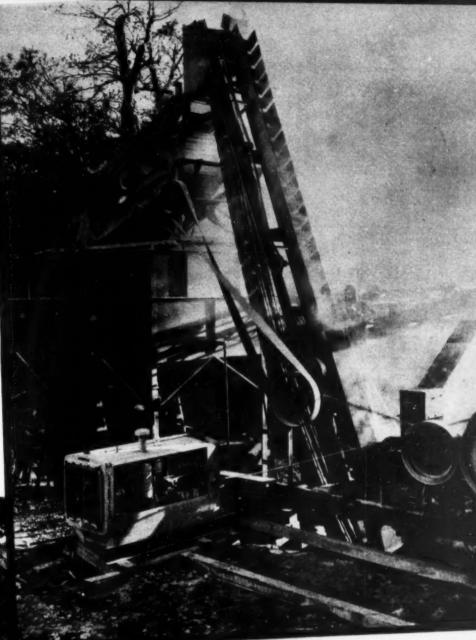


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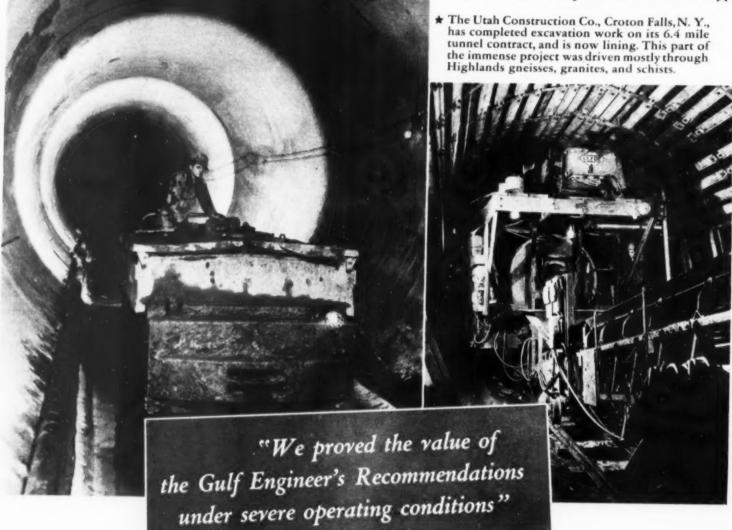
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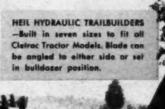
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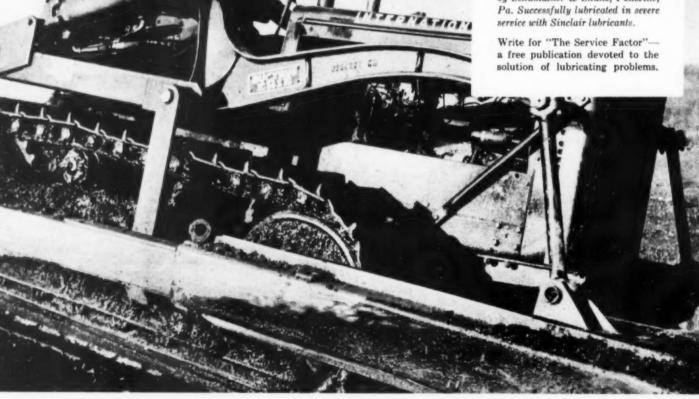


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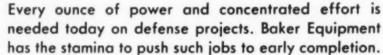
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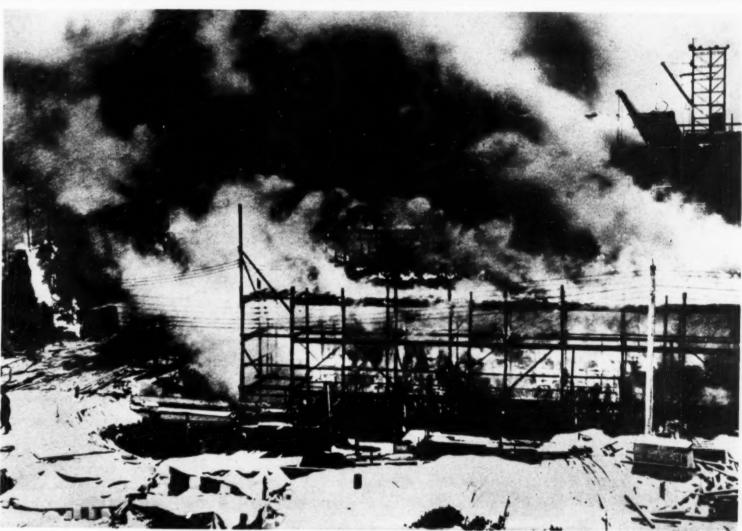
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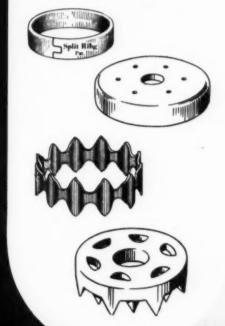
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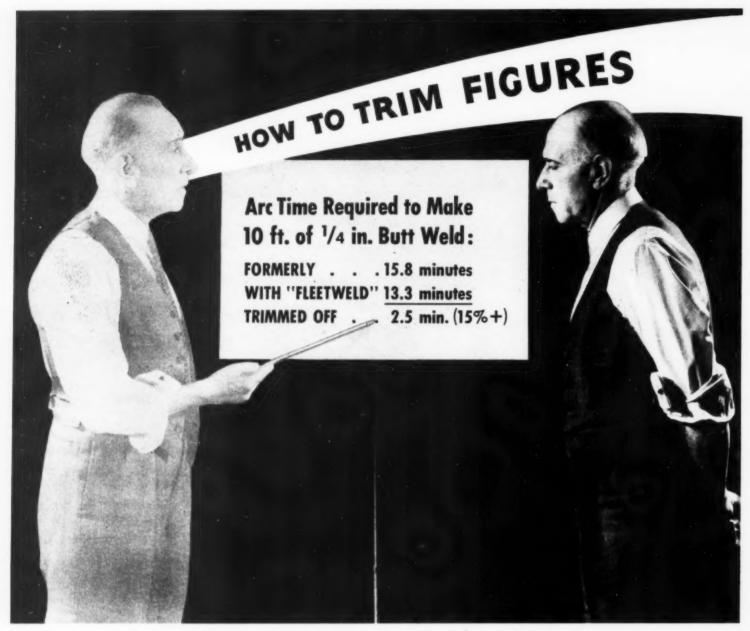
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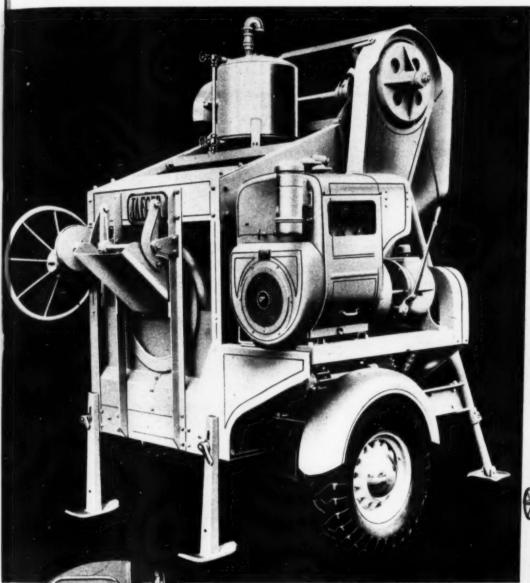
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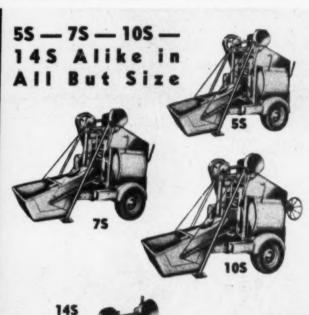
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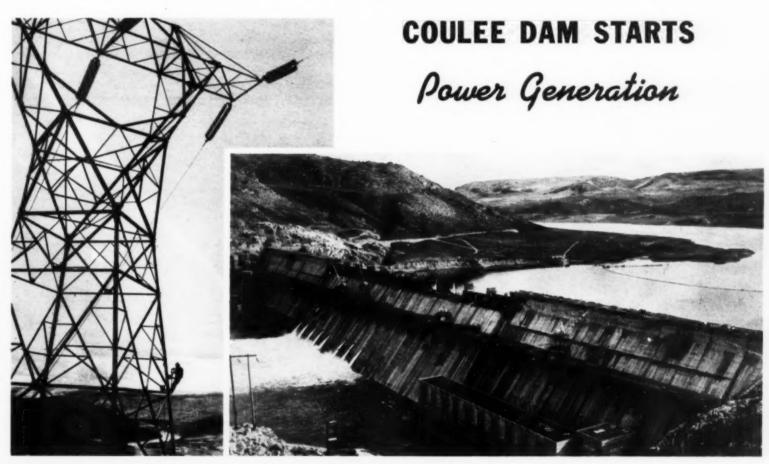
# Construction Methods

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WORLD'S LARGEST CONCRETE DAM (right) is U. S. Bureau of Reclamation's Grand Coulee structure on Columbia River, with a volume of about 12,000,000 cu.yd., height of 550 ft. and crest length of 4,300 ft. On March 22 switch was thrown to start giant generators producing electric power for first time. Powerhouse is shown in lower right hand corner of photograph. POWER FROM GRAND COULEE DAM will be delivered by 230,000-v. transmission line (above, left) of Bonneville Power Administration 234 mi, to Vancouver, Wash.

called to the colors two years ahead of schedule by vital defense needs for electric power, Grand Coulee dam, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation structure across the Columbia River in Washington, went to work at noon March 22 when gates were opened to admit water to the turbines operating big electric generators which ultimately will develop 2,700,000 hp. While the first construction contract (for removal of overburden) was let in December, 1933 work on a large scale really got under way when, on July 13, 1934, the Mason-Walsh-Atkinson-Kier Co. received a \$29,339,000

contract for the 250-ft. high base of the dam, completed early in 1938. Under a second contract awarded January 28, 1938 to Consolidated Builders, Inc., for \$34,442,240, the dam was raised to its full height of 550 ft. At the peak of employment 7,400 men were working on the project.

With a height of 550 ft. and a crest length of 4,300 ft. Grand Coulee dam, requiring the placement of about 12,-000,000 cu. yd. of concrete, is the world's largest in volume and second only in height to the 727-ft. Boulder



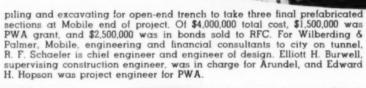
FRANK A. BANKS, supervising engineer, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, turns knob which starts operation of first 10,000-kw. generator in world's largest powerhouse.

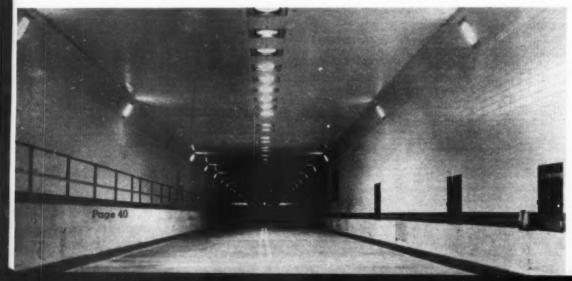




# THIS MONTH'S NEWS REEL

BANKHEAD VEHICULAR TUNNEL (below, left and right) under Mobile River, Mobile, Ala., is opened to traffic Feb. 20, just 21 months after signing of \$3,000,000 contract for 3,400-ft. two-lane subaqueous crossing by Arundel Corp., Baltimore, and City of Mobile. Constructed by trench method, with seven concrete-incased welded steel sections forming 2,000 ft. of tunnel joined together under water, completion was retarded about 7 months by extremely difficult ground conditions encountered in driving steel sheet-





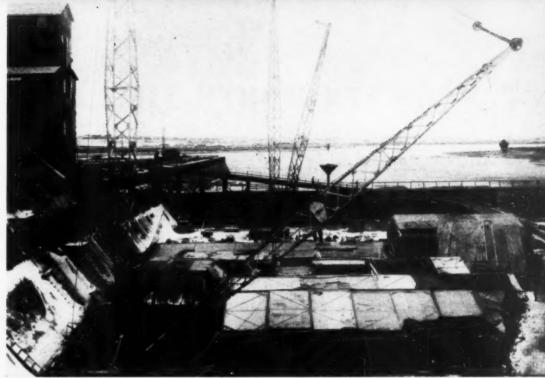






DEDICATION OF RADFORD ORDNANCE WORKS in Virginia, described elsewhere in this issue, takes place March 14, as Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson addresses workers on job. Huge project costing \$41,000,000 is being built by Hercules Powder Co., general contractor, and Mason & Hanger Co., Inc., of New York, subcontractor, for manufacture of smokeless powder for army use.

AT BELL AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT (right) near Niagara Falls, N. Y., The Austin Co., of Cleveland, rushes steel erection on \$1,050,000 building despite handicap of winter weather. Photo shows more than two-thirds of 2,000-ton steel frame structure, providing 300,000 sq.ft. of floor space, under roof. Final assembly bay, 200 ft. wide is spanned by eight 35-ton trusses.



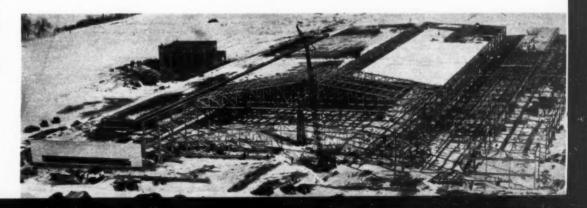
COLD WEATHER COVERING of plywood and canvas protects concrete pouring operations by Woods Bros. Construction Co., of Lincoln, Neb., on substructure of power house of Fort Peck dam, U. S. Engineer Department project on Missouri River in Montana.



FORD AIRPLANE ENGINE PLANT, to cost \$21,000,000 nears completion at Dearborn, Mich., as workers remove 900,000 sq.ft. of fiber-board shelter erected to permit construction operations to proceed during winter weather. Entire plant, which is 1,000 ft. long, 360 ft. wide, will soon start production of initial order for 4,236 Fratt & Whitney engines. Designed for operation during "blackout," building is protected by thick slabs of reinforced concrete on roof and over service tunnels. General contractor on project is Esslinger-Misch Co., of Detroit.



ARSENAL FOR ARMY TANK PRODUCTION takes form at Chrysler Corp. plant site in Detroit, Mich., as O. W. Burke Co., contractor, rushes work on 1,380x500-ft. assembly building. Project for national defense will cost \$20,000,000.



# 21,000 Construction Workers

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#### Pre-Planning by Army

Forehanded purchase and storage at the Picatinny, N. J. arsenal of essential powder-making machinery by the Army's Ordnance Department make it possible to equip the Radford Ordnance Works and other plants for operation in the short time limits required by the present emergency. Matching this providential action by the Army, rapid development of plans by the Hercules designing department in Wilmington, Del., and prompt execution of the plans in the field by the powder company and its subcontractor, the Mason & Hanger Co., are quickly completing a home for the pre-stocked powder-making machinBy VINCENT B. SMITH

Associate Editor

Construction Methods



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Army-Contractor Team
Surpasses Scheduled
Progress in Race for
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ery and other more readily procurable equipment recently acquired under the contract. Fast progress with good workmanship is the objective of all government and contractor representatives on the job, and the project moves rapidly as a result of the effective cooperation and teamwork of these agencies.

#### **Essential Utilities**

Powder manufacture requires an abundance of steam and water of good quality, and the time required for erection of the steam power plant actually determines the construction period for the project as a whole. Other facilities can be completed within the time required for the power house. The Government power plant houses four huge boilers and turbo-generators, including one standby unit, in a steel-frame building with brick closure walls. As a safeguard, plant power lines are connected into the high-tension system of the Appalachian Electric Power Co. to take care of any temporary shutdowns of the power house.

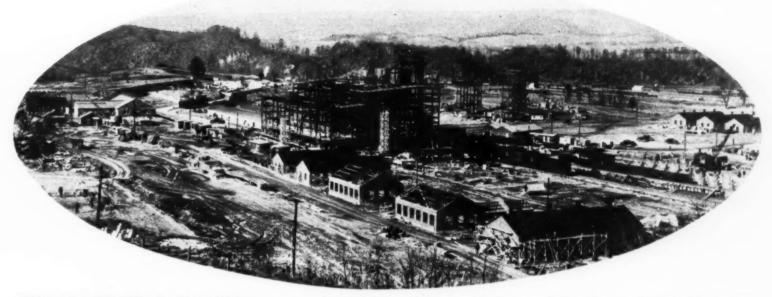
Water from the New River, which twists through the 4,000-acre plant tract in an S-curve, is satisfactory for powder making after rapid, simple filtration. Drinking water will receive more elaborate treatment in a small plant adjacent to the large installation for process water. Work on the pumping station, water mains and treatment plants has been pushed forward rapidly along with the other basic utility, the power house.

#### **Material Requirements**

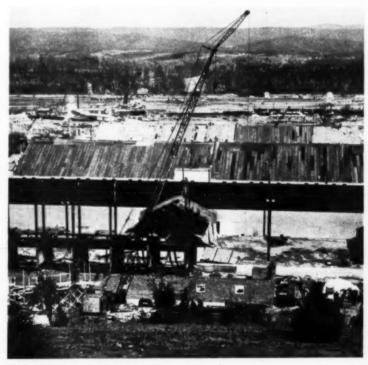
Quantities of materials and volume of work required for the project are barely suggested by the brief table of estimates published with these notes. Efficient purchasing and expediting personnel maintains steady deliveries of materials and equipment to meet scheduled construction requirements and forestalls delays on such items as lumber, on which deliveries have been extremely slow, by placing advance stock orders for 2,000,000 ft. b.m. at a time. Crushed limestone aggregate for roads and for concrete is consumed by the job at a rate of 3,500 tons per day. The stone comes from three sources, 1,000 to 1,500 tons being delivered by trucks and the remainder by rail, as stipulated to avoid highway congestion. Additional stone is required for ballasting 12 mi. of plant tracks.

#### **Plant Site**

Location of the Radford Ordnance Works on the New River in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains fits all the primary requirements of a smokeless powder plant: access to sources of cotton linters and good steam coal, desirable climatic conditions, ample water of good quality, an adequate supply of native labor, connections to two railroads (the Norfolk & Western and the Virginian) and a relatively level site which does not call for excessive grading. An example of the Army's careful advance planning for the Radford and other ordnance works is the fact that the site had been studied for several years before Congress passed the act to expedite construction (signed by the President on July 2, 1940), and a tentative decision to use the location had been made by the Ordnance Department as the result of an inspection in September, 1939. It is hardly accurate to describe the site as level, although the building areas are sufficiently so; elevations above sea level on the 4,000 acres range



HIGH-SPEED CONSTRUCTION of \$41,000,000 Government-owned nitrocellulose smokeless powder plant near Radford, Va., is scheduled to permit manufacturing to begin 10 months after signing of original contract with Hercules Powder Co. on Aug. 16, 1940. Time required for completion of power house, in center, determines earliest possible date for plant operation. First powder line actually goes into production three months ahead of schedule.



**ONE OF THREE POWDER LINES** stretches into distance from brick-walled nitrating house in foreground, where long-boom crane is handling steel for frame to support nitration process equipment.



SUSPENSION BRIDGE with main span nearly 550 ft. long provides temporary pedestrian crossing of New River for construction workmen.



LUMBER STOCKS on project avert delays in delivery of 7,500,000 bd. ft. for 600 plant buildings. Of this amount, 5,000,000 bd. ft. is salt-treated lumber to resist acid fumes.



PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY for all activities connected with construction and eventual operation of Radford Ordnance Works rests with (left to right) LT. COL. M. M. SERREM, Ordnance Department, U. S. Army, Commanding Officer and Constructing Quartermaster for War Department; H. V. CHASE, manager for Hercules Powder Co.; and A. VAN BEEK, assistant manager.

Photo by Lambert Martin



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER** in charge of War Department office on project is MAJ. GEORGE F. GRIFFITH, who puts his previous construction experience to good use on this job.

Photo by Lambert Martin C Roanoke World-News



AS PROJECT ENGINEER in charge of construction for Hercules Powder Co., P. F. POWELSON keeps his finger on pulse of progress.



ASSISTANT PROJECT ENGINEER for powder company is P. B. PATTERSON.



PLANT POLICE operate under direction of CAPT. D. J. PAYNE.



GENERAL MANAGER and vice-president of Mason & Hanger Co., subcontractor for general construction on project, is G. W. SACKETT.



CONSTRUCTION WORK on project is directed for Mason & Hanger Co. by ROBERT L. TELFORD, general superintendent.



CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES are special responsibility of Major F. L. STRAWN who served as constructing quartermaster until appointment of commanding officer for project.

from 1,685 ft. at the river to 2,000 ft. or more on the hilltops. Buildings in the production lines are laid out to permit downhill delivery from one unit to the

#### **Powder-Making Process**

Manufacturing operations involved in the making of smokeless powder are indicated in a general way by an accompanying flowsheet reproduced from one of the War Department's technical manuals. General construction features of certain plant buildings, somewhat different from the ordinary, are shown in a following section, although exact identification of some structures is-

#### RADFORD ORDNANCE WORKS **ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION QUANTITIES** (Partial List)

															Total For	Job
Excavation		٠				0	6	0		0					1,000,000	cu.yd.
Concrete .				0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	70,000	cu.yd.
Sewer Lines	١.				0	q	0	0	0	0	0		0	٠	10	miles
Water Lines	١.			0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0			80	miles
Solvent Lin	ies	,			0	0		0						0	10	miles
Steam Line	15		0		0	0	0	0		0	0			0	20	miles
Roads		0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	٠		0	0	15	miles
R.R. Track									0						12	miles
Lumber			0			0						0	0		7½ millio	on b.ft.

withheld. Regarding permanent powder-making machinery installed in the buildings, nothing may be said.

Another succeeding section gives due recognition to the officers, managers, and engineering and administrative personnel responsible for the rapid progress of plant construction. Apart from the project staff, Ordnance Department officers whose names should be mentioned, because of the pre-planning and pre-stocking of essential equipment by these men, include Brig. Gen. Charles T. Harris, Jr., Assistant Chief of Ordnance in charge of production; Brig. General Levin H. Campbell, in charge of building facilities; and Maj. John P.

# 2...Organization and Personnel Job Management and Labor Supervision

SKILLED MANAGEMENT and effective organization, represented by accompanying charts and photographs, spell the measure of success in pushing the \$41,-000,000 Radford Ordnance Works, in Virginia, through to completion within the 10 months originally set, despite added handicaps such as revision of the layout of plant buildings and supplemental inclusion of a third powder line to increase capacity originally planned. The Hercules Powder Co. is general contractor for construction and operation of the Government-owned plant. During the construction period more than 21,-000 workers have been employed at the site; of this number the powder company has about 5,000 men on the payrolls of mechanical subcontractors engaged in erection, assembly and installation of powder-making facilities and utilities requiring special experience and close supervision. After the

plant goes into full operation early in the summer, the powder company will employ from the surrounding territory approximately 4,500 persons, 10 per cent of whom will be skilled personnel at present receiving training in established plants of the contractor.

#### **Construction Staff**

General construction work is assigned to a subcontractor, the experienced Mason & Hanger Co., of New York, which employs a payroll of nearly 13,000 and operates most of the 1,000 equipment units on the job. An accompanying chart gives a complete breakdown of the Mason &

Hanger organization. This organization works in cooperation with, and under the direction of, the project staffs assigned to the job by the War Department and the powder company. Top members of all three agencies appear in photographs reproduced on these pages. In complete charge of the entire project as representatives of the government are Ordnance Department officers headed by Lt. Col. M. M. Serrem. who acts both as Commanding Officer and Constructing Quartermaster. The facilities of the Quartermaster Corps are at the disposal of the Ordnance and other Army departments on new construction.

#### **Labor Rates**

Construction labor works three shifts a day, each shift putting in 48 hr. per week to keep the job operating a full 24 hr. six days a week. Equipment main-

tenance and special jobs require Sunday overtime work by a small force. The men receive straight time for 40 hr. and time-and-a-half for overtime. Minimum wage rates for skilled labor are based on the scale of the Roanoke, Va. Building Trades Council, A.F.L., and are established for the contract by the U.S. Department of Labor after approval by the War Department.

A rate of \$1.25 an hour is paid boilermakers, bricklayers, stonemasons and operators of power shovels, cranes and double-drum hoists.

For carpenters, plumbers, reinforcing rod setters and steamfitters, the rate is \$1.00.

Cement finishers, metal lathers, plasterers, structural iron workers, terrazzo workers and tile setters receive \$1.10 per hour.

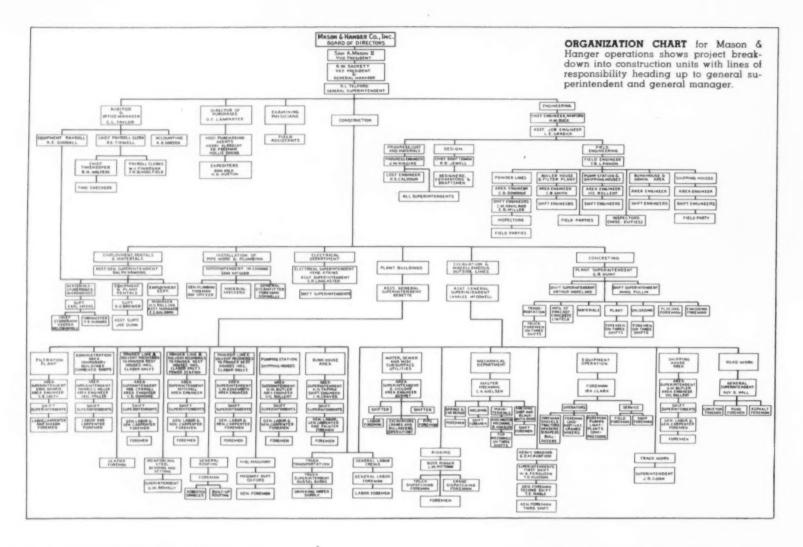
Tractor operators have a rate of 50c. an hour, and truck drivers, 40c. Rates

of other crafts are in the range of those listed. The common labor minimum rate is 35c. an hour. Subcontractors operate open or closed shop in accordance with their own labor policies.

No difficulty has been experienced in procuring skilled labor for the project. The bulk of the labor (75 to 80 per cent) has been obtained within a 50- to 75-mi. radius of Radford, which taps the borders of West Virginia and Tennessee. Practically all the remaining labor has been recruited within a range of 100 mi., including portions of Kentucky and North Carolina. When additional

#### RADFORD ORDNANCE WORKS-EMPLOYED PERSONNEL For day ending January 21, 1941

	ADMINISTRA	ATIVE (SALA	RY PAYROLL)				
	Project Site		Other Locations	Mechanics & Laborers on Project	Total Personnel		
	Male	Female	Male	Male	Male	Female	
HERCULES POWDER CO.	801	86	89	3,932	4,822	86	
MASON & HANGER CO.	731	107		8,467	9,198	107	
Total Contractors	1,532	193	89	12,399	14,020	193	
GOVERNMENT	331	34			331	34	
TOTALS	1,863	227	89	12,309	14,351	227	
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labor is required, the contractor calls upon Federal Government agencies, union trades councils and chambers of commerce such as the one in Bluefield, W. Va., sends out runners or puts a call on the radio.

Of the 13,000 men employed by the Mason & Hanger Co., about 8,000 work on the 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift, 4,000 on the second shift, and 1,000 on the graveyard shift. Convenient railroad transportation is provided for workers out of Roanoke and Bluefield by agreement between the contractor and the Norfolk & Western. About 5,000 workers ride the trains, the remainder commuting from their homes by automobile. Four trains a day operate out of Roanoke, 42 mi. away, two sections for the day shift and two for the evening shift returning. One train for the day shift makes the round trip from Bluefield, 57 mi. distant. Passengers are charged 25c. per round trip from Roanoke and 40c. from Bluefield. The contractor makes up any deficit in the train cost agreed upon with the railroad. Practically all dwelling facilities, including many trailer camps, within a 20- to 25-mi. radius have been taken by workmen who have moved in from a distance.

#### **Employment Procedure**

Job seekers are interviewed and examined at a complete employment office outside the 6-ft.-high barb-topped non-climbable Cyclone woven-wire fence, 18 mi. in length, which protects the plant

AM, FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1941.

### Army Dedicates Big Powder Plant

#### Beats Schedule Three Months

By the United Press.

RADFORD, Va., March 14.—
The War Department dedicated a \$44,100,000 smokeless powder plant today three months ahead of the chain of 40 munitions factories for the "arsenal of democracies."

Defense leaders, Congressional, fr state and industrial officials joined the 18,000 workers who built the plant for the ceremonies. A special train brought an official party of 80 from Washington, headed by Undersecretary of War Patterson.

Designed to provide "unusual protection" against explosion or attack by planes, the plant begins partial operation next week. By early summer it will be turning out 300,000 pounds of powder

Powder is a major shortage. The Radford plant's annual production of 110,000,000 pounds will more than compensate for the loss resulting from the explosion which is destroyed the powder plant at Kenvill, N. J. Two similar factories are being constructed at

area on all sides not cut off by the river. Two reception offices are equipped for interviews. Acceptable applicants receive thorough physical examinations, and those who pass the tests for employment are photographed and fingerprinted by a department under the direction of Capt. D. J. Payne, who heads the plant police force, with headquarters in the employment office building. Before entering the plant area for the first time, the new employee is issued a badge bearing his photograph; employees are required to wear their badges at all times while inside the fence, as well as when entering and leaving. The project maintains a staff of six physicians, three at the employment office and three at a first aid station.

In January the plant police force numbered 114 men, equipped with motorcycles, cars and station wagons, two of the latter carrying loudspeaker apparatus for directing crowds or congested traffic and for giving warnings. According to Captain Payne, this force represented less than half of what it was going to be later. Along with their important duties of manning all gates, maintaining peace and order and guarding against intruders, the police have charge of traffic and post traffic officers at all important intersections. A visitor to whom the War Department grants a pass into the plant cannot remain there an hour without being impressed by frequent challenges from vigilant police

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UPSTANDING POLICE PERSONNEL and first-rate police equipment are represented by this assemblage, with CAPT, D. J. PAYNE in center.



PRESSURE DRINKING FOUNTAIN equipped with small air pump has 5-gal. capacity. Metal tank is carried by adjustable strap on shoulder of "water boy."



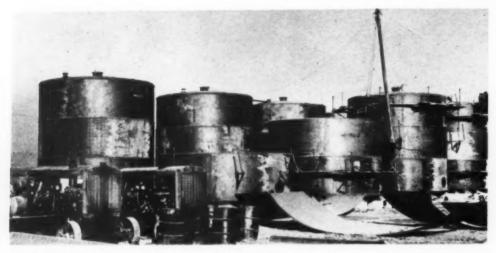
LONG PASSENGER TRAIN stands on plant track from 4 p.m. until leaving time to take on 17 cars of workers bound for Roanoke.



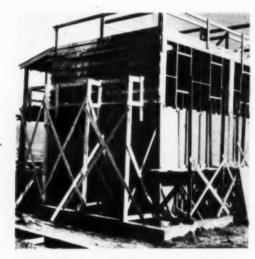
**LOUD SPEAKERS** set up at various locations on 4,000-acre project carry announcements to all workers.



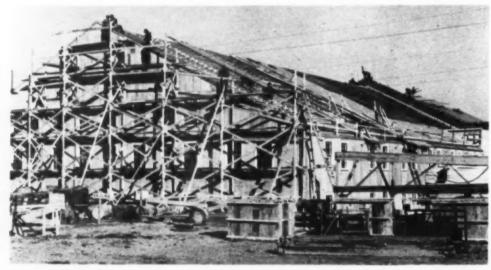
JOB SEEKERS congregate outside employment office from before sunup until 4 p.m., when doors close.



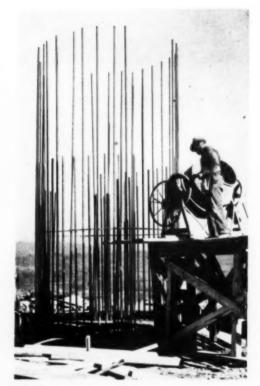
GIN POLE and trussed pick-up frame place curved plates for riveted steel acid tanks.



CORRUGATED ASBESTOS-CEMENT SIDING incloses sidewalls of solvent recovery building. Partitions are solid concrete in lower part and gypsum concrete between gypsum board liners in upper part.



SALT-TREATED TIMBER goes into roof frame and sheathing of large boiling tub houses covered with 20-year bonded built-up roofing. Walls are inclosed with galvanized steel sheets.



ON HILLTOP, Rust Engineering Co., subcontractor, starts reinforced-concrete fume stack 200 ft. high, with inside diameter at base of more than  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ft. and wall thickness of nearly 16 in. Second fume stack is 1 ft. smaller in diameter.



CINDER-BLOCK WALLS are used for powder line office building, receiving roof sheathing, and brick walls for change house, with roof ventilators, where plant operatives will change clothes at beginning and end of shift.





SOLID CONCRETE PARTITIONS (left and right) and corrugated asbestos-cement siding and rooting are characteristic of dehydrating buildings, where moisture is pressed and driven out of nitro-cotton.

For use during the construction period, the contractor made a temporary installation of the permanent plant broadcasting system, with amplifiers set up in elevated positions at many points in the area to make the announcer's voice audible to all workers. The loudspeaker system broadcasts warnings of unsafe driving conditions on highways (advising drivers, when necessary, to put on chains before starting home), admonishes motorists to exercise care at times of congestion when shifts are leaving, makes important announcements such as additions to train schedules, and carries occasional "pep talks" to inspire the workers with need for earnest effort in a national emergency. From the microphone station in

the central office building of the Mason & Hanger Co., the announcer can see nearly all of the roads leading away from the plant and can admonish reckless drivers and trains of vehicles individually. Philip Cooke, editor of the Radford Plant Weekly published by Hercules and Mason & Hanger, has a good radio voice and makes nearly all of the broadcasts.

#### Mess Halls

Lunches are brought to the job by most of the workmen, but two mess halls serving hot 30c. dinners are operated at the site by W. F. Griffin, of Griffin Industries, Fort Bragg, N. C. One hall seats 200 diners, and the other, 400. Permanent mess halls are provided.

#### Semi-Weekly Meetings

Twice a week construction management representatives of the Army, the contractor and all subcontractors meet in the office of the commanding officer to discuss matters affecting job progress, to establish working schedules and materials requirements for the future and to iron out difficulties. These meetings mapped out the coordinated overall plans which smoothed the progress of the work and made possible the cooperative action necessary for speedy construction. Any lag in progress or equipment utilization was brought up for attention at the meetings and the causes of possible delays were promptly diagnosed and remedied.

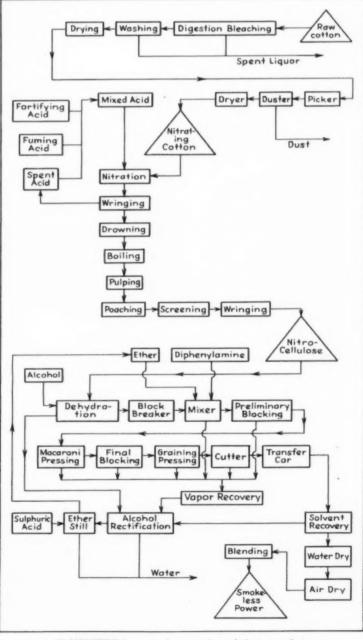
#### 3...Powder Plant Buildings

## Powder Manufacture Requires Special Type of Structures

SMOKELESS POWDER is a powerful propellent for projectiles, as any ordnance officer or explosives expert will testify, and its propellent properties develop fairly early in the manufacturing process. Skilled design and operation of a smokeless powder plant form an almost perfect safeguard against undesired and unexpected release of this propellent energy during the process of manufacture; but as a logical added precaution, dictated by experience, the buildings of the Radford Ordnance Works in Virginia are so constructed, spaced and protected as to localize an explosion and minimize its Construction for effects. these purposes introduces features which are not found in ordinary buildings. Photographs reproduced with various sections of this article show some of the unusual structural characteristics.

A glance at the accompanying flowsheet for the manufacture of smokeless powder will show that cotton linters go through a preliminary processing before the cotton is ready for nitrating. These operations are accomplished at another plant; the cotton will arrive at the Radford Ordnance Works in closed containers ready for processing into smokeless powder.

As indicated by the flowsheet, the first of the manufacturing operations is ni-



FLOWSHEET for manufacture of smokeless powder.

tration, in which the cotton is stirred in a mixture of nitric acid and sulphuric acid to produce cellulose nitrate. The nitro-cotton and acid drop into a centrifugal wringer which removes the spent acid. In general, it may be said that each of the succeeding operations is performed in a separate building. As a matter of fact, most operations in each of the three powder lines are distributed among several buildings. Lumber used in buildings where acid fumes are released is protected by salt treatment, either zinc chromate or Wolman, the project taking all it could obtain of both processes to make up the 5,000,000 b.ft. required.

Transfer of the cellulose nitrate, or pyrocotton, between buildings from nitration to the final wringing which prepares the pyrocotton for dehydration by alcohol is through pipe lines, the material being suspended in water. In this condition the danger of explosion is nil. Pyrocotton from the wringers contains less than 30 per cent moisture; once dehydration is begun in presses which operate at pressures up to 3,-500 lb. per square inch the cellulose nitrate is in a relatively dry state susceptible to explosion, and this fact is taken into consideration in the design and spacing of buildings for the remaining operations. The pictures show safety features.

#### 4... Construction Equipment

#### Close Supervision Reduces Idle Time in Equipment Operation

TO SUPPLY nearly 1,000 construction equipment units needed to complete the \$41,000,000 Radford Ordnance Works in Virginia, the Army, Hercules Powder Co. and Mason & Hanger organizations have combed manufacturer, distributor and contractor sources for quick rental or purchase of the required machines. Nearly 700 units have been rented under a significant War Department contract arrangement which establishes an agreed-upon value for each machine when delivered and gives the Government an option to take over the piece of equipment at this valuation, with the added provision that the purchase may be consummated (at any time during the unit's retention) at the established

price plus 1 per cent per month for the intervening rental period. Rentals are based on the Cost Of Equipment Ownership schedule of the Associated General Contractors of America ranging generally from 7 to 10 per cent per month of the first cost of the equipment. As can be seen from the contract provisions previously elucidated, all of the rental payments, save 1 per cent per month, may be applied toward the take-over price agreed upon between the lessor and the War Department.

In actual practice, equipment requirements for the job are determined by the Hercules Powder Co., contractor, or even more generally and directly by the Mason & Hanger Co., subcontractor for general construction and largest user of equipment on the project. All requisitions, however, are subject to approval by the commanding officer, and all rental agreements are between the War Department and the owner of the equipment. Because of the close, harmonious collaboration of the contractor agents and the Army staff on the project, this arrangement offers no impediment to swift execution of requisitions.

#### **Equipment Supervision**

After equipment has been placed on the job, the War Department representatives (officers of the Ordnance and Quartermaster Departments) and the contractors maintain constant supervisory control to reduce idle time considerable variation in the size and continuously. Allowance, too, has to be made for layoffs when repairs are neces-

to a minimum. An idle machine is regarded as a miscreant whose sloth is delaying the job, and equipment caught loafing by Army or contractor checkers who roam the project is promptly reported and as quickly as possible dispatched to a section where it may be put to use. On a 24-hr.-per-day job, with capacities of the three shifts, it is not feasible to keep all equipment operating sary, although ordinary maintenance is taken care of during the 24-hr. Sunday shutdown by mechanics regularly or specially assigned to the work.

#### DAILY REPORT OF RENTAL EQUIPMENT OPERATION January 14, 1941

	Number	Possible Broken Down		Idle	Shifts
DESCRIPTION	of Units	Machine Shifts	Machine Shifts	Machine Shifts	Machine Worked
Buckets & Clamshells	18	54	0	45	9
Bulldozers	. 17	51	6	10	35
Carryalls	9	27	0	7	20
Compressors	30	90	0	52	38
Conveyors	11	33	3	19	11
Cranes	12	36	0	12	24
Ditchers	4	12	0	9	3
Drills	2	6	0	2	4
Drills, Wagon		27	0	19	8
Drills, Well		3	. 0	3	0
Dumptors	-	21	5	1	15
Graders		24	3	10	11
Hoists	-	18	0	16	2
Hoppers & Scales		6	0	0	6
Lighting Units		192	0	69	123
Machine Shop Equip	-	30	0	0	30
Material Bins		6	0	3	3
Mixers		51	0	42	9
Passenger Sedans		3	0	2	1
Passenger Station Wag		27	0	15	12
Power Brooms	-	9	0	7	2
		27	0	26	1
Pumps			0	0	3
Railway Engines		3	0	4	2
Railway Flat Cars		6	2	25	9
Rollers		36	_		
Rollers, Sheepsfoot		12	0	8	4
Rooters		9	0	5	4
Scrapers (other than Carryalls)		60	0	28	32
Shovels, Power		51	0	18	33
Stone Spreaders		3	0	2	1
Tanks, Air Receiving		6	0	5	1
Tanks, Fuel		3	0	0	3
Frack Wagons		48	0	17	31
Frac-Truks		15	0	8	7
ractors		78	6	15	57
Fractors, Caterpillar		84	18	15	51
Fruck & Trailer		9	0	6	3
Trucks, Dump		345	18	109	218
Trucks, Flat	34	102	17	32	53
Trucks, Linesman	4	12	3	4	5
Trucks, Mixer	14	42	7	9	26
Trucks, Pickup	41	123	3	40	80
Trucks, Rack	27	81	0	21	60
Frucks, Tank	2	6	3	0	3
Trucks, Winch	4	12	3	4	5
Welders	15	45	6	3	36
TOTAL	648	1,944	103	747	1,094

**EQUIPMENT UNITS** listed in these daily and weekly reports represent less than 70 per cent of total number (nearly 1,000) of construction units in operation on project.

Col. M. M. Serrem, commanding officer, and his construction aides have set an arbitrary standard of 50 per cent operating time as the proper level of efficiency in utilization of all equipment. Daily reports of rental equipment operation are submitted to the commanding officer, and a weekly analysis is made up to summarize the daily data. Typical examples of both daily and weekly reports are shown on these pages. In the weekly report, operation of machines at more than 50 per cent of capacity during the eighteen-shift (144hr.) work week is considered satisfactory and is indicated in the final column merely by the letter M. For equipment falling below the 50 per cent stand-

ard, the final column shows actual percentage of operating capacity utilized during the week.

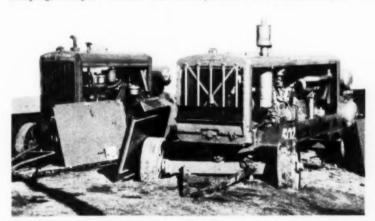
#### Value of Equipment

Less than 70 per cent of the total number of equipment units on the job is represented in the rental equipment operation reports. Total value of all construction equipment as delivered to the job (takeover value or equivalent) is conservatively estimated at \$2,000,000. The agreed-upon value of 370 of the heavier units amounts to \$1,-500,000. Monthly rental paid on equipment shown in the rental reports is \$160,000.

Heavy equipment units proved the most difficult to obtain. Earth-moving equipment was brought in from the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Pennsylvania Turnpike, where Mason & Hanger had completed one of the tunnels. The War Department does not permit transportation to be paid for more than 500 mi. on rental equipment. New equipment proved hard to get. On an order for two crawler cranes the Mason & Hanger purchasing agent inquired of two manufacturers on whose equipment the company had more or less standardized; the one source needed too much time for delivery, and the other could accept no orders for cranes. The construction company then bought two good machines from a third manufacturer who



TRUCK MIXERS of 4-yd. capacity deliver 3-yd. concrete batches from central plant to scattered locations. Pneumatic-tired carts, equipped with rockers for dumping, transport concrete over runways from truck mixers to forms.

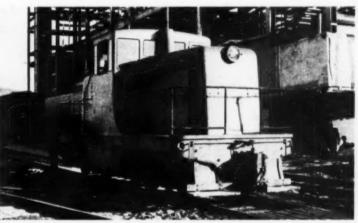




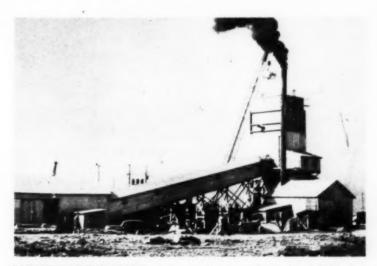
PORTABLE COMPRESSORS of 315-c.f.m. capacity, hooked up in pairs, are typical of 30 or more compressor units serving construction subcontractor on job.



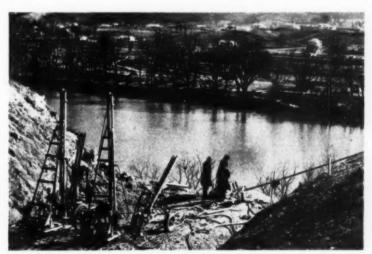
TWO OF 29 SCRAPER UNITS on job make roadway cut in plant area. Two types shown here represent 60 per cent of all scraper outfits on project.



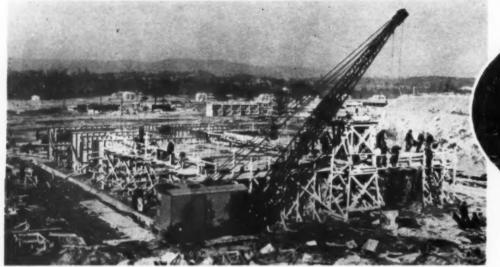
**PERMANENT SWITCH ENGINE** for powder plant is diesel-electric locomotive which serves during construction to move materials cars.



CONCRETE MIXING PLANT receives sack cement by inclosed 110-ft. belt conveyor from storehouse. Crane with 85-ft. boom feeds 250-yd. aggregate bins with 11/2-yd. clamshell bucket.



FOUR WAGON DRILLS sink blast holes for 15,000 cu. yd. of rock excavation in highway cut of maximum 60-ft. depth approaching site of permanent bridge across New River connecting two plant areas.



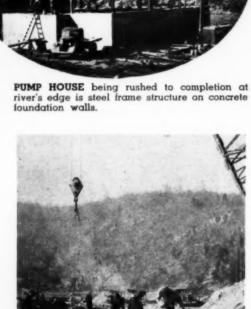
TYPICAL CONCRETING SET-UP for construction of dividing walls in processing building utilizes crane, bottom-gate bucket, elevated hopper and pneumatic-tired cars to move concrete from truck mixers to forms built up of prefabricated panels.



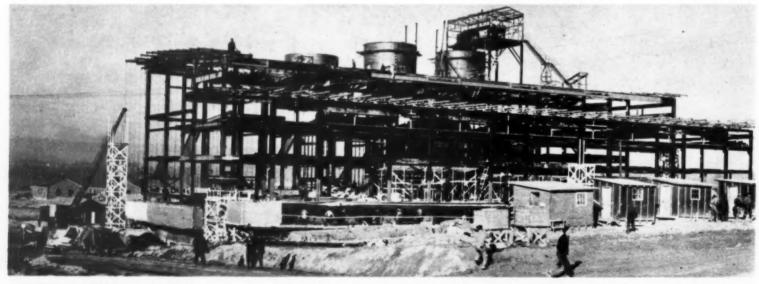
CANVAS HOUSING protects concrete in filter beds during cold weather. Coke-burning salamanders maintain even temperature inside inclosure.



STEAM AND SOLVENT LINES are supported above ground on timber bents, typical of plant construction in process industries.



WATER MAIN of 36-in. steel pipe is laid in trench upgrade from pump house to filter plant. Pipe comes in 40-ft. lengths, lined on inside with bituminous enamel and wrapped on outside with 1/16-in. thickness of asphalt-impregnated paper covered with whitewash.



GOVERNING FACTOR in construction progress on powder plant is power house designed to inclose four 7,500-hp. coal-fired boilers and as many turbogenerators. Bricklayers working on hanging scaffolds build up closure walls. Structure rests on spread footings of 4,000 lb. per square foot bearing, which is soil loading value used for all spread footings on project.

was able to make prompt job delivery.

To move 1,000,000 cu.yd. of excavation, 15 per cent of it rock, Mason & Hanger have operated a large number of units: about twenty power shovels, 3/4 to 2 yd., gasoline and diesel, many convertible to cranes and backhoes, mostly Bucyrus-Erie, Lorain and Marion; 28 carrying scrapers, 12 to 17 yd., Le Tourneau, Gar Wood, Bucyrus-Erie, Austin-Western and Adams; more than 50 tractors, 30 to 108 hp., mostly diesel, Caterpillar, Allis-Chalmers, Cletrac and International; fourteen track wagons, Athey, Euclid and La Plant-Choate; a Linn crawler-traction truck; four Euclid pneumatic-tired tractortruck units; seven Koehring 6-yd. diesel Dumptors from the Pennsylvania Turnpike job, and scores of dump trucks. Nine Ingersoll-Rand wagon drills, more than 30 portable compressors (many of the same manufacture) and a large number of hand-held drills have been used on the rock work.

In addition to converted shovels, the job employs seven or eight full-time backhoes, Byers, Northwest and Bucyrus-Erie. Ditches are cut-by five ladder-type trenching machines, Parsons, Buckeye, Barber-Greene and Austin-Western. Grade is struck off by Adams, Austin-Western, Allis-Chalmers and Caterpillar motor patrols. Stone base and bituminous top for roads and parking areas, of which seven or eight are provided outside the fence to accommodate about 2,500 cars, are compacted by a dozen flat rollers, Hercules, Galion, Austin-Western and Buffalo-Springfield.

Earthmoving operations have been able to proceed at full capacity about 16 days of each month, weather and job conditions ordinarily causing holdups on the other 10 working days. On some days the earthmovers accounted for 50,000 to 60,000 yd., and the outfit rang up a peak output of 75,000 yd. for one day. The daily and weekly reports of rental equipment operation give a fair picture of the percentage of working time utilized by earthmoving units.

For concrete delivery to 600 buildings

#### WEEKLY ANALYSIS OF RENTAL EQUIPMENT

Working Less Than 50 Per Cent of Capacity Based on 18 Shifts, 6 Days, Jan. 1 to Jan. 7, Inclusive

(M means more than 50 per cent)

DESCRIPTION	Number of Units	Percentage of Capacity Utilized
Buckets and clamshells	19	18
Bulldozers	17	M
Carryalls	9	42
Compressors	27	45
Conveyors	11	37
Cranes	12	M
Ditchers	3 .	24
Drills	2	M
Drills, wagon	9	39
Drills, well	1	6
Dumptors	7	16
Graders	7	34
Hoists	6	11
Hoppers & scales	2	M
Lighting units	58	M
Machine shop equipment	10	M
Material bins	2	M
Mixers (mostly mortar)	17	24
Power brooms	3	6
Pumps	9	7
Railway locomotive (steam)	1	M
Railway flat cars		33
Rollers, sheepsfoot	4	14
Rollers	12	11
Rooters	3	7
Scrapers		
(other than Carryalls)	20	48
Shovels (power)	13	M
Stone spreader	1	11
Track wagons	16	M
Trac-Truks	5	32
Tractors	26	M
Tractors, Caterpillar	27	M
Trucks and trailers	2	36
Trucks, dump	114	M
Trucks, flat	31	M
Trucks, linesman	4	36
Trucks, mixer	14	M
Trucks, pickup	41	M
Trucks, rack	27	M
Trucks, tank	2	M
Trucks, winch	4	46
Welders	10	M
TOTAL	610 un	its

and other structures scattered over 4,-000 acres, the construction subcontractor uses a central mixing plant, equipped with two Ransome 28S mixers, and operates from this plant fourteen 4-yd. truck units hauling 3-yd. batches for distances up to 11/2 mi. in the main plant area, with longer hauls in prospect. The fleet comprises thirteen Jaeger mixers on International trucks and one Ransome mixer. Concreting equipment is in continuous operation 24 hr. a day; in the three shifts the truck mixers may deliver to 30 or 40 locations. Peak output for the plant has been 1,100 cu. yd. in 24 hr., representing a good chunk of the total estimated requirements of 70,000 yd. for the job.

At the mixing plant, 250-yd. Butler aggregate bins are charged by a Marion crane handling a 1½-yd. clamshell bucket on an 85-ft. boom. During cold weather, the aggregates are heated by live steam in the bins, and hot water is used for mixing. An inclosed belt conveyer 110 ft. long carries sacked cement from the storehouse up to the batching platform. Blaw-Knox and Butler weight batchers measure the stone and sand for the two 1-yd. mixers.

#### Stone Sand

Crushed dolomite sand similar to that used in the Radford hydro-electric development of the Appalachian Electric Power Co., reported in Construction METHODS, April, 1939, pp. 40-43, provides the fine aggregate for all the concrete. Using this well-graded, manufactured sand, the constructors are getting high concrete strengths with a low cement factor. In standard 5-sack mixes, cylinder tests for the job have given compressive strengths of 2,200 to 2,500 lb. per square inch at 7 days and have averaged 3,000 lb. at 28 days. All concrete is vibrated internally after it is placed in the forms. The concrete gangs use about ten portable vibrators, Jackson and Viber gasoline or gasoline-electric units and air-powered vibrators of Ingersoll-Rand or Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.

#### 5... Utilities

#### Constructors Move Fast to Provide Steam, Power, and Water for Powder Making

manufacture of Huge Quantities of smokeless powder at the Radford Orddance Works in Virginia will require more than 15 m.g.d. of water, an abundance of steam for processing and a large amount of electric power to drive air compressors and hydraulic pumps which furnish safe power for use inside the processing buildings. The power lines cannot operate until the steam power house and water supply are ready to function, and the time required for

completion of these utilities, particularly the power house, established the 10-month limit set by the War Department in its original contract with Hercules Powder Co., builder and operator of the government-owned plant. Erection of the power house is being rushed by the contractor with the aid of subcontractors such as the Combustion Engineering Co. for boilers, the Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. for turbo-generators and the Mason & Hanger Co. for general

structural work. The last named company, principal subcontractor for general construction of the plant, is doing practically all the work on the water supply development, which involves a pump house beside the New River on the site, a 36-in. steel pipe water main to the filter plant, separate treatment units for process water and drinking water, and a distribution system.

Steam developed by four 7,500-hp. boilers will serve two purposes. High-

pressure steam will be scalped to run the turbine generators hooked up to the boilers, and the low-pressure steam from the turbines will be used for processing. The fourth unit is a standby unit and comprises a boiler and turbogenerator of equal capacity.

Test borings to determine the presence of any caverns in the limestone under the power house went down 50 ft. before striking sound rock, and the power house is carried on a spread footing designed for a bearing of 4,000 lb.

per square foot, the same loading as used for the footings under most of the plant buildings. A connection with local public utility lines provides another source of electric power for the plant, if needed.

Construction of other utilities such as railroad connections and plant track, highways, sewers, and light and power lines presents no obstacle to swift completion of the plant. Steam and solvent lines are carried above ground and are run into the buildings as soon as the structures are ready for interior work.

Accompanying photographs afford a general view of the materials and equipment being employed in construction of utilities. One major structure, not shown, is a highway bridge across the New River connecting one 2,500-acre area to a second 1,500-acre area acquired later. This bridge, now under construction, has steel girder spans up to 165 ft. in length on concrete piers and abutments. One pier is in the river.

#### 6...Night Work

## Skid Light Plants Gurnish Illumination for Two Night Shifts

on welded tubular skids carrying steel masts for floodlamps provide a large share of the illumination required by the 5,000 men who make up the construction gangs on the two night shifts at the Radford Ordnance Works in Virginia. The skid units carry Kohler gasoline-electric generating sets, typically of 6,000-w. capacity to feed four 1,000-w. floodlamps and a string of ordinary

200-w. bulbs, and in cold weather are equipped with stove-heated houses for the light plant operators. Tractors or trucks move the skid rigs from one location to the next. Most of the units have adjustable masts for regulating the elevation of the floodlamps.

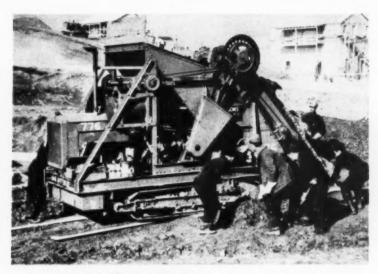
Practically all job operations except paving of roads and parking areas, on which construction pressure is less intense, continue through the night, ordinarily on a reduced scale. Concreting is an exception; the concrete plant and truck-mixer fleet maintain close-to-capacity production on all three shifts. Other work such as timber, brick and tile construction, excavation, installation of utilities, and erection of powerhouse structure and equipment is carried on without stoppage at night in all cases where 24-hr. effort helps to speed completion of the powder plant.



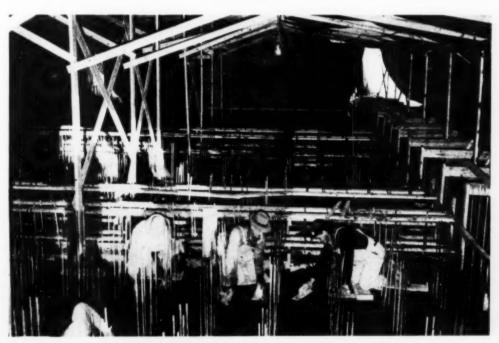
BRILLIANTLY LIGHTED by hundreds of fixed and portable floodlights, plus thousands of ordinary electric lamps, \$41,000,000 powder plant project goes ahead without interruption during hours of darkness as 5,000 workmen on two night shifts carry on work of larger day shift.



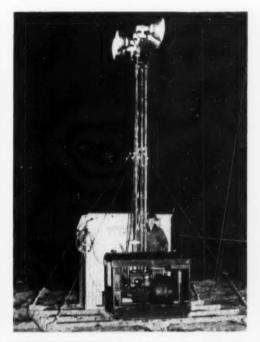
**PIPE JOINTS** are made with Dresser couplings. Workmen at right holds hose-sheathed sling used for handling pipe into trench.



TYPICAL OF DITCHING OPERATIONS for underground utilities, this trenching machines excavates to grade for sewer.



CEMENT FINISHERS float concrete slab floor inside canvas housing.



THROWING LIGHT two ways on separate building jobs, 6,000-w. light plant supplies power to four 1,000-w. floodlights on crossarm and to series of ten 200-w. lamps strung between buildings. Operator stands in front of stove-heated house at foot of mast, which has been extended to maximum elevation.



COMPLETELY EQUIPPED except for operator's house, which is not needed on all units, this portable skid-mounted light plant has capacity to operate four floodiamps, on crossarm of adjustable mast, and string of lower-wattage lamps, in addition. Note hand-cranked windlass for hoistling telescopic mast and ladder to higher elevation

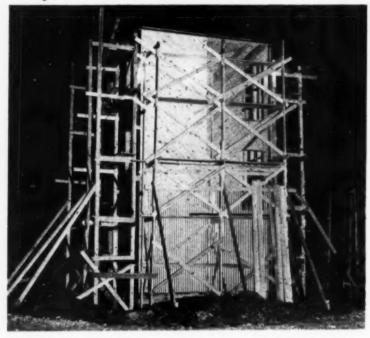


**PORTABLE BELT CONVEYOR** unloads stone cars at night in light of carbide floodlamp.

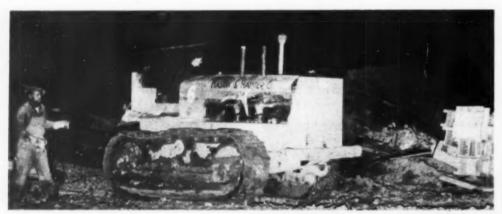
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**CONCRETE** for small, inaccessible pour in water treatment building at filter plant is handled in buckets at night.



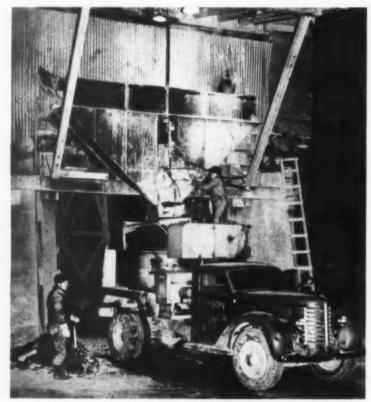
**LIGHTED** by portable plants, erection of can pack building continues through night. Diagonal wood sheathing is covered with corrugated asbestos-cement exterior facing.



**SNAKING TIMBERS** at night, tractor is able to work without headlamps on brightly lighted job.







FIXED LIGHTS illuminate central mixing plant, where truck drum is being charged from hopper fed by two 1-yd. mixers.



FORMWORK progresses under floodlamps as carpenters get ready for foundation wall pour.





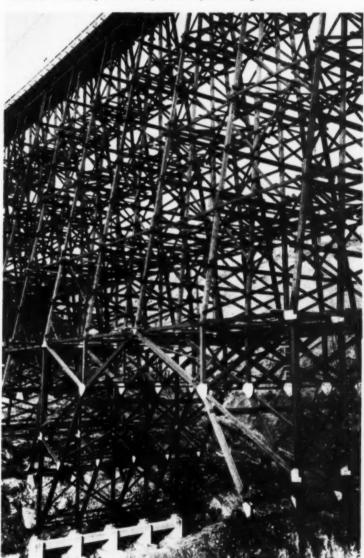
NEW PICKETING TECHNIQUE is adopted at Gallup, N. M., where mounted cowboys patrol \$9,000,000 construction project at Fort Wingate Ordnance Depot in interests of closed shop for A. F. of L. workers.



THESE WAVY LINES on traffic stripe of Nevada state highway are not result of over-indulgence in "cup that cheers" by traffic line marker. They are made by Nevada's Department of Highways with purpose of warning motorists of approach to railway grade crossing, visible in background.



PRIZE WINNING FLOAT in public utilities class of 1941 Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena, Calif., is entry of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, symbolizing conquest of drought by construction of Colorado River aqueduct supplying water to 13 cities, represented by stars in back-drop behind Eleanor Thomas, Queen of Water District. Float is 32 ft. long and 14 ft. high. From mouth of floral urn at front end of float stream of water, represented by blue delphiniums, gushes forth.



BIG BILL OF LUMBER was required to construct logging railroad bridge of Douglas fir, 200 ft. high above footings and 1,130 ft. long, for Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. across Baird Creek near Longview, Wash. About 408,000 ft. b.m. of creosoted timber was used in arch members and framed bents, in addition to 272 pieces of piling from 30 to 120 ft. long. All-wood structure was erected by Hart Construction Co., of Tacoma, Wash.



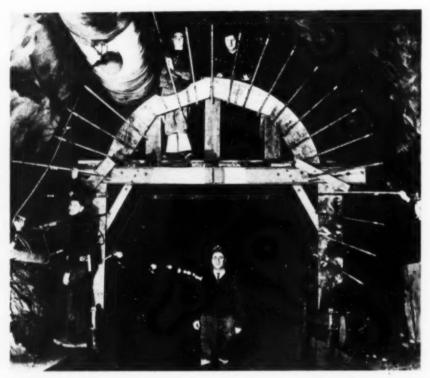
PONTOON-MOUNTED CONVEYOR BELTS carry to worked-out pond, for disposal, overburden from sand and gravel deposit near plant of Shelby Penal Farm, Memphis, Tenn. Installation of Link-Belt equipment consists of 30-in.-wide land-mounted conveyor fed by hopper filled by 1½-cu.yd. dragline, and three 100 ft. long 30-in. conveyors mounted on steel pontoons which are positioned by wire rope cables.



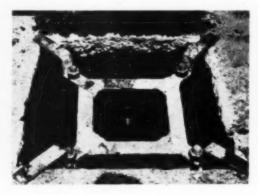
# GONSTRUCTION DETAILS For Superintendents and Foremen



LONG WORK GLOVES protect hands and arms of employees of Southern California Gas Co. while handling hot asphalt. Note stand with vertical column supporting rollers on which pipe is readily turned.



TUNNEL CROSS-SECTIONS on Delaware River aqueduct project of New York City Board of Water Supply are measured, after trimming and prior to placement of concrete lining, with aid of metal bar "feelers" mounted radially on frame supported on platform of contractor's trim carriage. Trim carriage of light steel construction, 9 ft. long, rides along concrete curb walls on four 16-in.-diameter solid rubber wheels. Feelers, in form of 25 metal bars 1x½ in. by 36 in. long, are set 10 deg. apart, with their outer ends on 7-ft. radius. An ordinary pocket rule is used to measure distance from face of rock to end of "feeler"; this measurement plus 7 ft. is recorded as radial distance. Cross-sections are measured at 10-ft. intervals along tunnel. With 4- or 5-man field party, average time required to take 25 measurements and move carriage to next station is less than 1 min., according to Louis J. Sack, section engineer for Board of Water Supply on Rondout-West Branch tunnel of Pleasantville Constructors, Inc., where device was used as substitute for time-honored "sunflower" instrument.



METAL FORM (left) serves as template for positioning anchor bolts and conduit riser for street lighting standards in Memphis, Tenn., prior to pouring of concrete bases by Forcum-Jones Co. Form is of 3/16-in. metal with holes drilled to hold anchor bolts by means of nuts on threaded ends. After concrete has set, nuts are unscrewed and template removed. Device proves useful where soil in walls of pit is firm enough to stand and form mold without using outside forms.

— Photo from GLEN W. FER-GUSON, Memphis, (Tenn.) Light, Gas & Water Division.





CANTILEVER FORM PANELS that eliminate need for inside fastenings and simplify operation of pouring concrete have been designed by Griffith Co. and Bent Co., contractors, for use at Friant dam, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation project in California. Each form panel is 50 ft. long and 10 ft. high, allowing 5-ft. projection for each successive lift of concrete. Of extra heavy construction, principal members include 10x14-in. posts (left) set vertically on 9-ft. centers, each containing three 11/4-in. bolts, for supporting form from anchorage in previously poured concrete. In each form panel there are three 3x12-in. longitudinal runners, supporting an inner corrugated or plain facing of wood covered with light sheet metal against which concrete is poured. Working platforms are suspended by chains from each form panel.



HANGING SCAFFOLD, suspended from hook of American pillar crane, provides working platform for riggers attaching one of half-mile-long 3-in.-diameter main cableways to 460-ft.-high head tower at Shasta dam, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation project in California.



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The Editor of Construction Methods wants photographs or sketches illustrating interesting DETAILS of method or equipment and will pay for those he finds acceptable for publication.

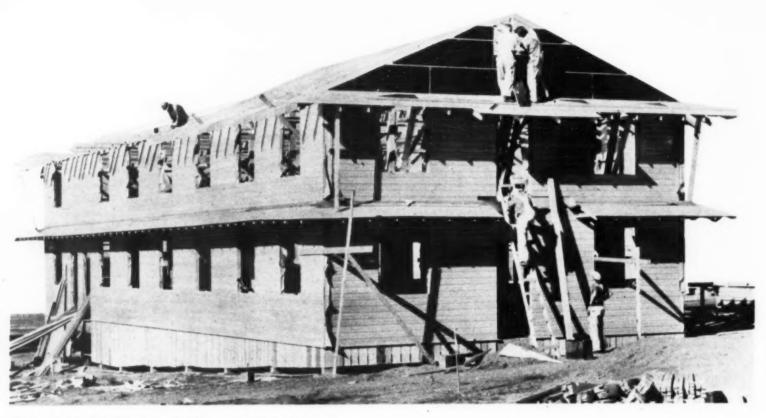
Hasn't your job produced some DETAIL that might be illustrated on this page? Send along a picture of it; we'll return it promptly if we can't use it.

FOR LAYING ELECTRIC CABLE UNDERGROUND on line between Omaha, Neb., and Sacramento, Calif., construction crews of American Telephone & Telegraph Co. employ these mobile rigs in vicinity of Millard, Neb. Equipment hauled by tractor includes rooter which cuts narrow trench, 3 in. wide and about 30 in. deep. It is followed by machine with deep-running tooth which clears away earth and lays cable in trench bottom. Cable-laying rig is served by crawler-mounted carriage on which large cable reels are mounted.

Wide World Photo



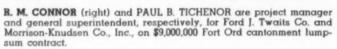
**GRAVEL AND BINDER SOIL** for stabilized mix used to rebuild 12-mi. section of historic Natchez Trace route near Natchez, Miss., is prepared by dumping material into drum of standard Foote 27E concrete paving mixer. Mixed material is discharged through constantly open chute from drum in continuous stream to 10-ft. Buckeye spreader box. Applied in two compacted layers of 3 in. each, surface of stabilized soil-aggregate mix is treated with 11/2 lb. per square yard of flake calcium chloride, renewed periodically, to insure moisture bond.



ABSENCE OF FALSEWORK and rubbish around buildings is striking feature of contractors' methods. Large amount of prefabrication minimizes waste and what little there is, is kept cleaned up.

# New Building Every 54 Minutes

Marks Army Camp Construction
Pace at Fort Ord, California





TYPICAL ROW of 63-man barracks shows construction stages, progressing from completed rafters against skyline to incomplete first story in foreground.

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#### OF THE 1,200 WOOD-FRAME STRUCTURES

now nearing completion at Fort Ord, Calif., near Monterey, 820 were built in a 3½-month period. The rough carpentry was finished and the buildings were roofed over at the rate of one every 54 min. during the working hours of a one-shift, 6-day week. This progress rate, in which the Fort Ord contractors are believed to have set a record, is based on total working time after construction started and makes no allowance for rainy days. The speedy construction was appreciated by the Army -witness the fact that on all three of the contracts, some of the barracks were occupied by troops ahead of schedule.

A lump-sum contract covers the work at Fort Ord and is given much of the credit for the speed attained. Organization for "line production" methods, a high degree of standardization, and the use of an "expediter" in each division are among the factors contributing to speed outlined in the following.

Ford J. Twaits and Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., received three general contracts for Fort Ord construction beginning with a \$2,730,000 contract for 540 buildings awarded Aug. 28, 1940, and scheduled for completion in 90 days. The total of the three contracts is about \$9,000,000 and the last of the work was to have been finished April 3, 1941.

Camp Ord, typical of the "wide open spaces" of the West, is a big place. It spreads over some 19,000 acres. Buildings are concentrated at east and main



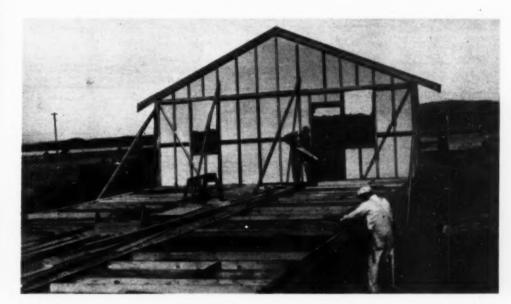
**PRE-FABRICATED PANELS** are stacked at mill. Precut and pre-fabricated items contribute much to speed in assembly.



**WOOD-WORKING MILL** is row of eleven DeWalt saws in open air, with ample room for storing pre fabricated parts. Saw and its bench are located at base of each power pole.



FLOOR BEAMS AND JOISTS are put up by crew that handles dimension lumber only.



**BUILDING ENDS** go up first and are braced externally. Sidewalls then are laid out on flat prior to being raised into vertical position.



WALL OPENING CUTS are being finished by carpenters as laborers help in raising.



LIFT OF SIDEWALL is started by crew spaced along length of unit. Note upright pieces nailed to outside wall as stops.







garrisons; the latter, roughly 7,000 ft. square, contains most of the buildings described in the following. This location is close to the ocean shore on Monterey Bay about 6 mi. from the city of Monterey and 14 mi. from Salinas.

#### Job Of Sawing Wood

The expression that best typifies both the policy and the requirements of this job is "sawing wood." Some 2,000,000 cu.yd. of grading was done and about 25,000 cu.yd. of concrete is required, but when it came to lumber the orders totaled 35,000,000 ft.b.m. The lumber all comes to the job surfaced on four sides so that no planing has to be done; sawing, on the other hand, is a constant and major requirement.

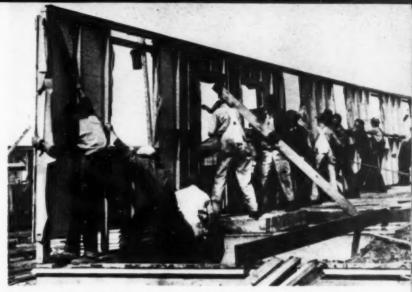
The busiest pieces of equipment on the job are the eleven 16-in. DeWalt saws mounted on benches in the mill area, and the 140 portable Skilsaws. The former do the heavy work and the latter are in demand all over the job. There is relatively little use of hand saws.

Lumber comes mostly by rail to the Fort Ord sidings and is unloaded beside the mill area which California climate makes it unnecessary to roof. Two of the eleven bench-mounted saws are equipped with dado heads for special cutting such as grooving, notching rafters, etc. A very large part of the lumber



MAIN GARRISON AT FORT ORD mobilization camp in California is close to shores of Monterey Bay. Barracks and other construction involved three general contracts aggregating \$9,000,000.





**WALL IS HELD UPRIGHT** while temporary braces are nailed on and then entire crew turns to other sidewall.



WHEN BOTH WALLS ARE BRACED, extra men (laborers) return to their jobs and carpenters remain to carry on.



**SECOND-STORY GABLE END** is fabricated in horizontal position. Covering on all outside walls includes gypsum boards, building paper and l-in. tongue-and-grove sheathing.

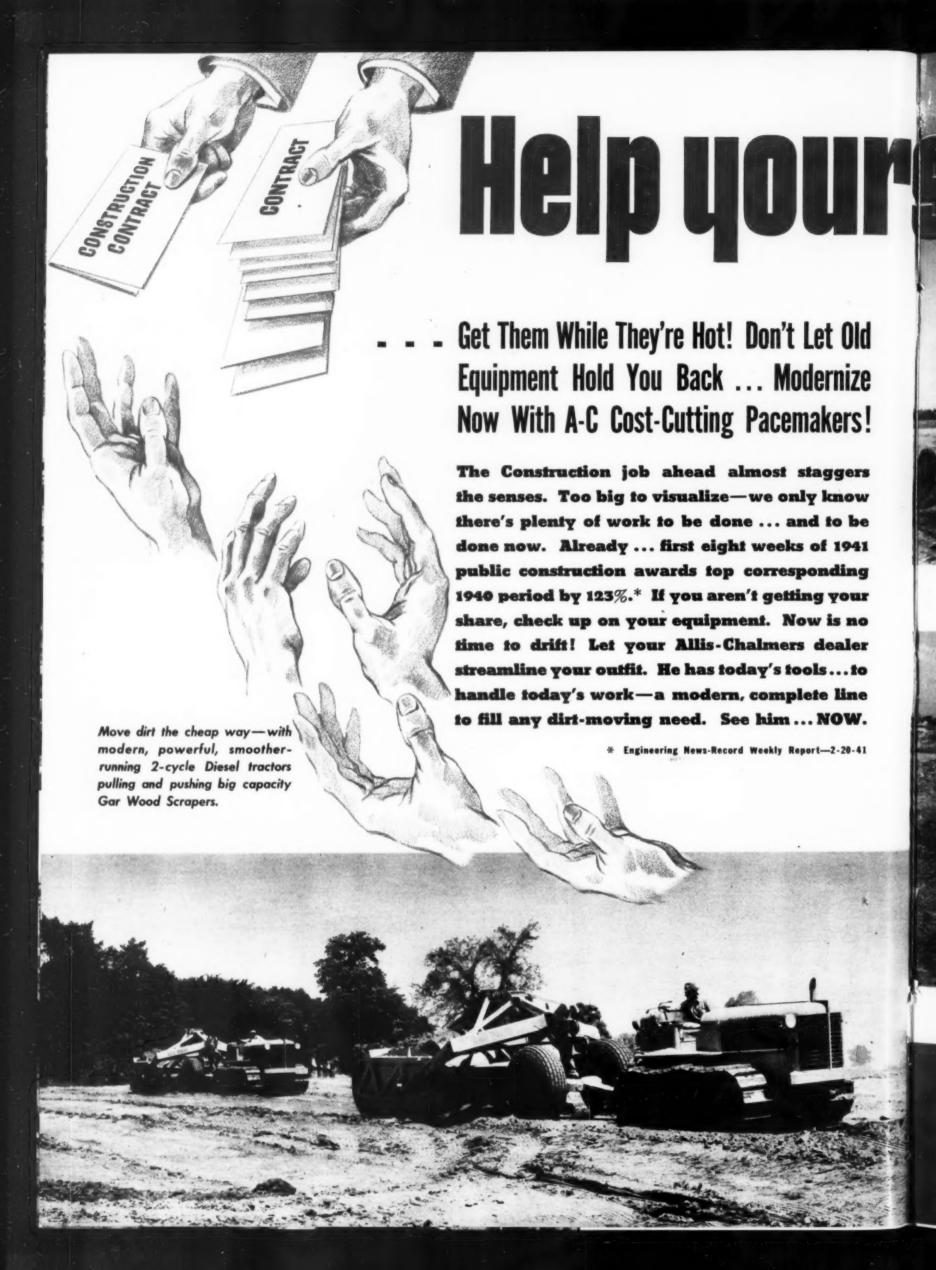


TRIMMING OF SHEATHING (below) around openings is done with electrically powered Skilsaw before walls are raised.



ON SUB-FLOOR of second story (below), workmen prepare sidewall panels for next wall raising.





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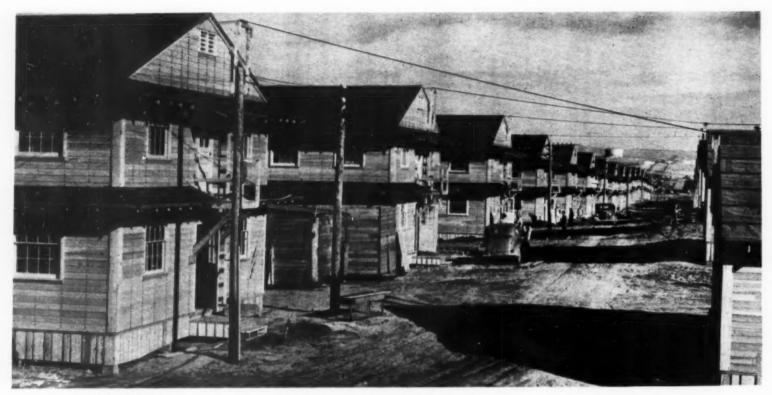


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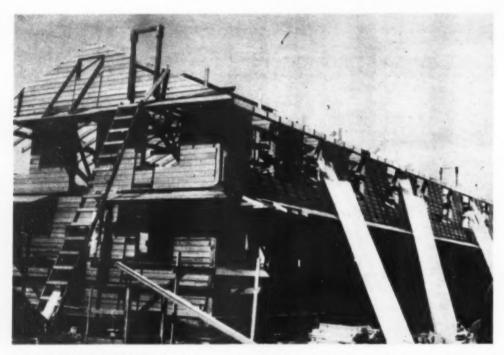


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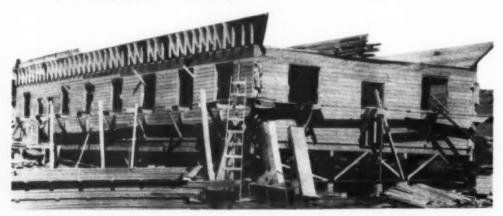
ILLS CHALLES POST ... it Pays!



COMPLETED ROW of 2-story wood barracks is ready for occupancy by troops.



TYPICAL 63-MAN BARRACK is here shown with construction well advanced. Rafters are up and roof sheathing is stacked ready to be handed up. Rectangular frame projecting above gable is for electric wires, shown in photograph at top of page.



BRACKETS supporting "eye-brow" roof go up as part of sidewalls. Staging here shown at lower-floor window-level is only falsework required on entire building.

that goes into each building is precut and some is pre-assembled before it gets to the building. Porch units, stairs, fire escapes, ladders, secondary electrical brackets, shelves, mess hall tables, mail boxes, theatre seats, etc. are made up and stacked in the mill area ready for delivery as required. All this pre-assembly speeds the work and decreases confusion and litter around the buildings.

Some special lumber was bought from planing mills. For example, all window frame materials, milled ready for assembly, are delivered to the job in shooks. Window frames are put together on jigs by crews consisting of two carpenters and a laborer. The latter unpacks the shooks and piles the parts as they are needed on a wide bench built to convenient height just behind the carpenters. A carpenter's vise at one end of the jig affords means of quickly putting the assembled frame under pressure to hold it together while the nailing is done. Such a crew of three men turns out 185 to 200 window frames per 8-hr. shift. These and other similar jigs are out in the open adjoining the mill area. Whenever increased demand makes it necessary, additional crews are added to step up the output.

Indicative of the large scale of operation are these three items in the bill of materials: 3,000,000 sq. ft. of tongue-and-groove gypsum sheathing, about 4,000,000 sq. ft. of Sheetrock (for interior wall partitions), and some 6,000,000 sq. ft. of double-kraft water-proof building paper.

Most important factor in speed is the contractor's organization which is planned to operate on what might be termed a continuous "assembly-line"

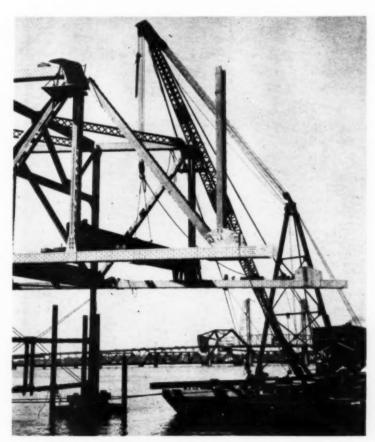
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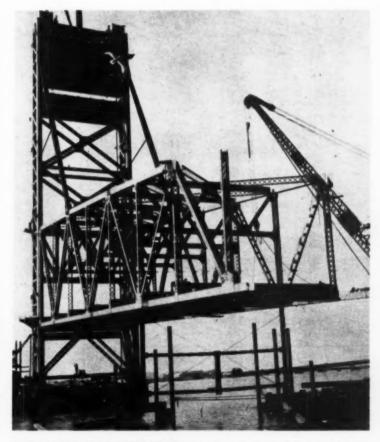
A SECOND LIFT BRIDGE across the St. Johns River, Jacksonville, Fla., probably will be open to traffic by June 1, according to State Highway Engineer J. H. Dowling, relieving congestion on the existing structure. Mt. Vernon Bridge Co., Mt. Vernon, Ohio, H. W. Smith, superintendent, is fabricating and erecting 3,000 tons of steel in lift span, two truss spans, and three continuous girder spans resting on total of seven piers constructed by Foundation Co., New York. Two towers are on caisson piers sunk to maximum depth of about 95 ft. in water up to 70 ft., deep. Steel erector uses stiff-leg derrick on one tower and pillar crane in counterweight box on other. Lift span providing hori-

Stiff-Leg and
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Erect Towers for
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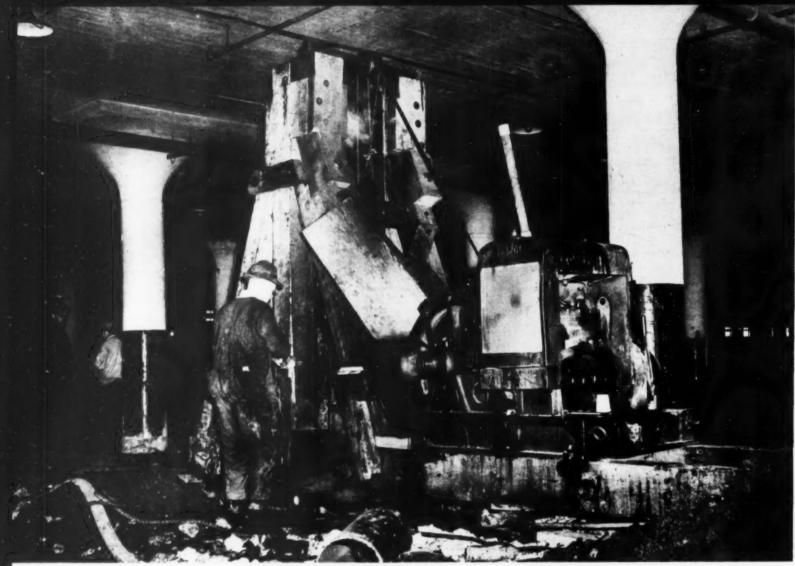
zontal clearance of 365 ft. and minimum vertical clearance of 135 ft. will be erected in raised position. Shell Producers Co., Tampa, Fla., built I-beam-andconcrete-deck approach spans on concrete-incased H-pile bents. H. E. Wolfe Construction Co., St. Augustine, Fla., is grading and paving land approaches. Length of bridge, 2,060 ft.; roadway width, 42 ft.; two sidewalks, each 7 ft. wide. Ash, Howard, Needles & Tammen, New York and Kansas City, acted as consulting engineers on design. M. V. Moore is project engineer in charge of steel erection and completion of bridge for Florida State Road Department, W. E. Dean was project engineer on substructure work.



**FLOOR BEAM** of north approach truss span is lowered to position by derrick boat. In background, beyond railroad bascule bridge, are towers of existing highway lift bridge, only present connection from city to South Jacksonville, St. Augustine and adjacent East Coast of Florida.



**STEEL H-PILE FALSEWORK BENT** supports truss span during erection by floating equipment. Pillar crane on tower is set in counterweight box, here raised to fifth erection position.



**LIMITED VERTICAL CLEARANCE** between floor and ceiling, (the latter carrying sprinkler piping) required piledriving rigs with leads only 9 ft. 3 in. high. Movement of 5,000-lb, steam hammer is controlled by single-drum gasoline hoist.

# "Dwarf" Piledrivers

### Operate With Low Headroom Inside Building

**BREAKING UP OF OLD CONCRETE FLOOR (below)** is done with special truck-mounted rig. Impact tool, delivering 60 blows per minute, is powered by air compressor.





STEAM-OPERATED PILE HAMMER weighing 5,000 lb., equipped with driving head, is hung in leads of low-clearance A-frame rig of heavy timber design. On ground at left, note length of 10%-in. o.d. steel pile casing and, behind it, two of special cast-steel flanged sleeves for making joints between 5-6-ft, pipe lengths.



SUPERINTENDENT for general contractor, Laurance C. Roberts, Inc., is J. K. Bell (left) who is assisted by A. OLSEN.



LOW WORKING
HEADROOM of only
91/2 ft. within an existing building made it
necessary to design
"dwarf" piledrivers on
project of replacing
concrete floor to carry
heavy loads of machine tool installation.

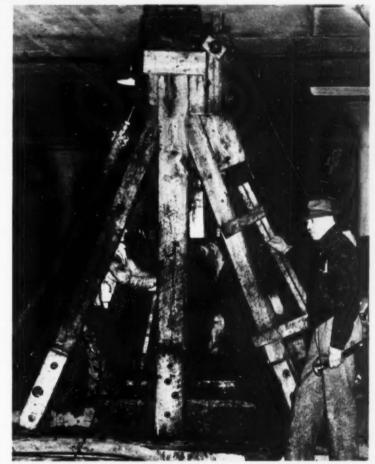
HEAVY TIMBER A-FRAME (right) with bolted connections is made up of 10x10-in. sills and 8x8-in. verticals and inclined

LIMITED BY A WORKING HEADROOM of only  $9\frac{1}{2}$  ft. within an existing industrial building, Laurance C. Roberts, Inc., general contractor, was called upon to drive more than 700 concrete-filled steel piles to depths of from 25 to 32 ft. to support a concrete ground floor of a motor-truck service structure in Long Island City, N. Y. The building had been acquired from the White Motor Company by The Ford Instrument Co. for the manufacture of certain equipment for national defense needs. The problem was solved by using a fleet of five "dwarf" piledrivers, designed especially to operate within the  $9\frac{1}{2}$ -ft. vertical clearance between the floor and lowest pipe conditions of the building, and a boiler installation of capacity to operate five rigs.

The building, a reinforced concrete frame structure 440x 200 ft. in plan, with mushroom type cylindrical columns, is located on filled ground. An examination of the property disclosed the fact that in many places the earth had settled from 2 to 15 in., leaving the concrete floor without foundation support (except where it joined the pile-supported col-

umns) over considerable areas. Test pits and borings also disclosed the presence of ground water only 3 ft. below the earth surface at the site and inadequate soil bearing for 15-ft. depth. As the manufacturing operations of the Ford Instrument Co. required the installation of many heavy machine tools it was decided to remove the existing 8-in. thick concrete floor, drive piles spaced about 10 ft. on centers in both directions over the entire building area and pour a new floor 8 in. thick which could be depended upon to carry, without settlement, the concentrated loads of the proposed machine tool installation in accordance with the Ford Instrument Co.'s requirements.

Breaking Old Floor—In adapting the building, (formerly used for servicing trucks and buses and handling spare (Continued on page 118)







CANVAS COVER of 13,000 sq.ft. area is slung in garge by cable system to protect from rain earth fill for core of dam.

IN TENT MAKER'S SHOP (below) in Seattle huge cover is made up of  $28V_2$ -in.-wide strips of 10-oz waterproof duck, shaped to fit irregularities of canyon walls between which it will be hung.



# Huge Canvas Tent PROTECTS EARTH FILL AT MUD MOUNTAIN DAM

A CANVAS COVER weighing approximately 35,000 lb. and costing about \$35,-000, product of day and night rush work by the Seattle Tent & Awning Co. under the supervision of T. H. MacGeorge, manager, has been hung in the deep, narrow gorge near Seattle, Wash., where Mud Mountain dam is under construction in order to protect from rain the rolled earth-fill core now being placed by the Guy F. Atkinson Co., contractor. The tent is slung from a cable system suspended from ringbolts fastened to the precipitous rock walls of White River Canyon at the damsite. In addition to providing mere static support for the tent itself, the "spider web" of wire rope is so designed that by means of a pulley system, it will be possible to tilt the tent surfaces enough to dump a (Continued on page 119)

**ASSEMBLY OF TENT** required use of 29,000 ft. of manila rope ranging in diameter from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{21}{2}$  in., 7,000 rope splices and 1,000 reef points.

### Present and Accounted For

#### A PAGE OF PERSONALITIES



CONSTRUCTING QUARTERMASTER for U.S. Army at Camp Blanding, about 50 mi. from Jacksonville, Fla., is MAJOR JAMES R. RUNDELL who is supervising construction for cantonment to house 75,000 men.

Harris & Ewing Photo



NEW OFFICERS OF CENTRAL BRANCH of Associated General Contractors of America, covering State of Iowa, are: (Seated, left to right) AMOS MELBERG, of Cedar Rapids, vice-president; R. W. MILLER, of Waterloo, president; V. L. LUNDEEN, of Montezuma, vice-president. (Standing) O. W. CROWLEY, of Des Moines, secretary; PAUL B. REIS, of Des Moines, treasurer.



FIRST PRESIDENT of Ground Hog Club, newly organized group of construction men in Chicago area, is GEORGE S. SALTER, subway structural designer in Chicago's Department of Subways and Superhighways.



CONSULTANT ON \$4,000,000 BANKHEAD TUNNEL at Mobile, Ala., subaqueous vehicular route opened to traffic last month, is WAYNE F. PALMER, member of firm of Wilberding & Palmer, Inc., of Mobile. Mr. Palmer is here shown passing through 4-ft. opening burned through last bulkhead of bird tube.



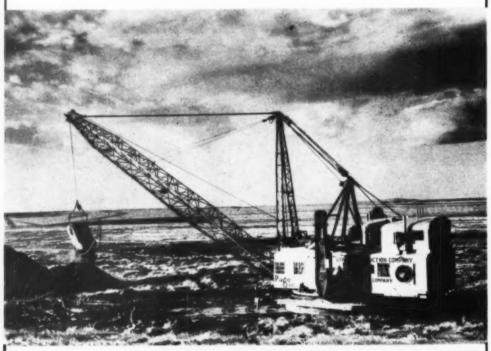
NEW PRESIDENT of Association of Highway Officials of North Atlantic States is THOMAS G. FRAME, chief engineer, Pennsylvania Department of Highways, who succeeds H. E. Sargent, commissioner of Vermont Highway Department.



ILLINOIS CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, affiliated with Associated General Contractors of America, holds 34th annual convention at Springfield, with local and national officers in attendance. Seated, left to right, are new officers of Illinois association, as follows: J. F. PARKER, of Springfield, vice-president; J. E. DIPPOLD, of Edwardsville, president; MILO P. FLICKINGER, of Springfield, secretary. Standing, left to right, are following officers of national association: M. W. WATSON, of Topeka, Kan., president of A.G.C.; H. B. ZACHRY, of Laredo, Tex., past-president of A.G.C.; H. E. FOREMAN, of Washington, D. C., managing-director of A.G.C.

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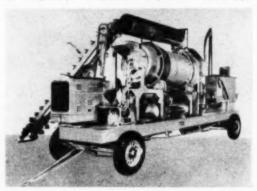
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#### Page 72 - CONSTRUCTION METHODS - April 1941

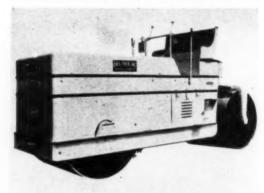
# CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT NEWS

ONE-UNIT PORTABLE ASPHALT REPAIR PLANT with capacity of 8 to 10 tons per hour has two special features: (1) Internally fired rotating dryer; (2) air operation of discharge mechanism. Drying drum is 36 in. in diameter by 8 ft. long, mounted on roller bearing trunnions and chain driven. It has internal, longitudinal side shelves for cascading aggregate and also internal centrally hung cross-flight which increases area on which material dries. Fired by low pressure oil burner with fuel fed by engine-driven pump and air supplied by Worthington 2-cylinder air-cooled compressor. Batch-type



pug mixer, with capacity of 750 lb. per batch, has single axle mounted in roller bearings with individual blades set at 90-deg. quadrant. Asphalt is heated in 220-gal. kettle with two oil burners, fire-proof top and thermometer. Power is furnished by one Continental 6-cylinder 32-hp. engine which drives dryer drum, pug mixer, air compressor fuel pump and cold loading elevator. One man operates three small levers to control air-operated cylinders attached to dryer, mixer and measuring hopper discharge gates. Valve admits hot bitumen to graduated measuring trough which is manually dumped over full length of mixer. Another man supervises operation of machinery and feeding of aggregate into elevator boot. Complete unit mounted on one chassis with semi-elliptic springs and pneumatic tires. Of particular use for repair of city streets and by state and county highway forces for production of paving material. Weight, 15,000 lb.—White Mig. Co., Elkhart, Ind.

VARIABLE WEIGHT TANDEM ROLLER incorporates following operating features: (1) Three speeds forward and reverse; (2) dual controls for operating machine from either side; (3) automotive type construction; (4) ease of operation; (5) high frame clearance; (6) easy hydraulic steering; (7) anti-



friction bearings at all strategic points; (8) all moving parts fully accessible; (9) full width seat built to eliminate operator fatigue; (10) large capacity, sturdily built water tank; (11) rust resisting sprinkling pipes. Powered by 6-cylinder, Buda gasoline engine. Diesel power, if desired. Advantages claimed by makers: simplicity of operation, plenty of speed, maximum maneuverability, centralized control of every roller movement, low maintenance and all-around operating economy.—The Huber Mig. Co., Marion, Ohio.



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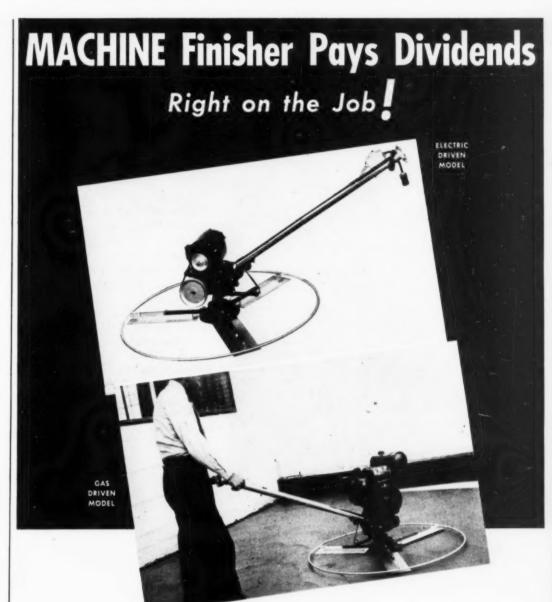
charging while blades are turning; adjustable scrapers; lock which stops drum in mixing or discharging position; "Restricto-lip" discharge which prevents undue splashing and permits desired spotting of batch; simple, quick-acting and positive control within easy reach of operator; engine cover opens away from shoveling side, protecting engine and gear box from sand, lime dust or plaster; sealed bearings protect blade shaft against misalignment; 4-hp., governor controlled motor; low shoveling height; automotive type cantilever springs protect mixer from jolts and promote sway-free towing; telescopic towing tongue; pneumatic tires and channel iron frame.—Chain Belt Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

HIGH SPEED DEVELOPER, designed for use with Bruning Model 75 BW printer, enables one operator to perform entire printing and developing of blue-prints with ease and speed, according to manufacturer. In operating developer, sensitized paper and tracings are fed into machine at front where they are immediately exposed in printer section. Vac-



uum separator roll at discharge point of printer separates tracings from exposed prints, allowing them to pass automatically to developing and drying sections of developer. Tracing is returned to operator while print is delivered flat and dry at rear of machine. Developer consists of separater roll, water roll, and series of bands which carry developed prints through drying section. Developing section is driven by printer and is synchronized to operate at exactly same printing speeds. Printer has speed range of 0 to 25 ft. per minute.—Charles Bruning Co., Inc., 100 Reade St., New York City.

TWO NEW MODERN DRAFTING TABLES. Primo Metapost and Metapost, are built of satin chrome tubular steel with baked black Morocco castings. Table tops are selected soft textured pine  $1^{1}/_{8}$  in thick. Reference shelves may be attached to them for use in storing drawings and materials. Table with small base (top 36x54 in., or under) has



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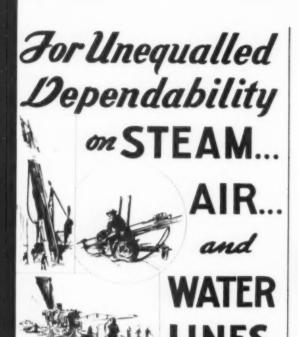
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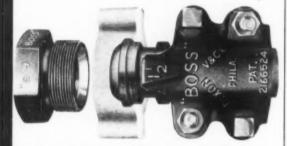
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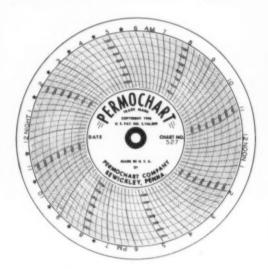
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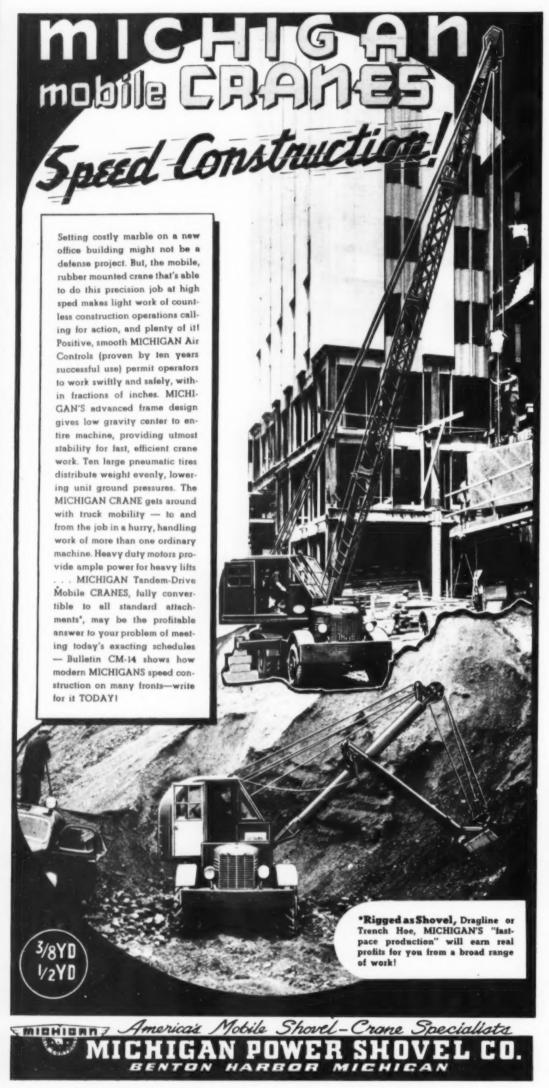
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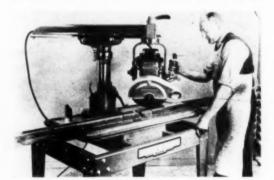


FOUR-WHEEL PIPE CUTTER with increased cutting speed and for use in close quarters has capacity  $l_2$  to 2 in. Four wheels said to provide better balance and easier handling of cutter under all conditions. Also claimed to cut more evenly and to save time in cutting iron, steel or brass pipe:—The Ridge Tool Co., Elyria, Ohio

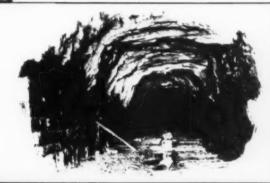


PORTABLE HOIST, new addition to "Pul-Lift" line, has capacity of 4½ tons, offering range of capacities from ¾ to 6 tons. Intermediate sizes have capacities of 1½, 3 and 4½ tons. New hoist is said to be light in weight, making it easily portable, yet strong and rugged enough to care for jobs within rated capacity. Roller chain used is claimed to have five times rated capacity of hoist. Operates equally well in horizontal or vertical position. Another feature: Yale safety hooks which, in case of severe overload, open slowly, without fracture, said to give ample visual warning of danger and positive protection to operator, load and mechanism. For operation in tight out-of-way places "Pul-Lift" has ratchet handle with universal action.—The Yale & Towne Mig. Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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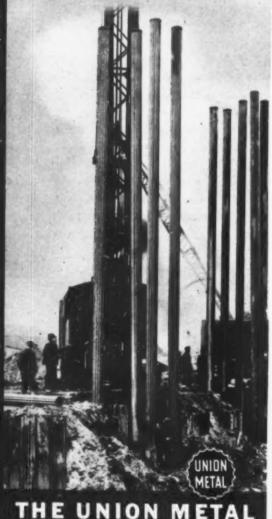
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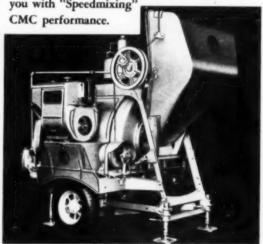


positive that under ordinary operating conditions (except in extremely sticky soil) scraper unloads while tractor is pulling unit at top speed. Complete system includes following assemblies: (1) Power take-off adapter, rotary gear pump and control lever assembly mounted on tractor; (2) control valve assembly; (3) oil supply tank; (4) anti-settle check

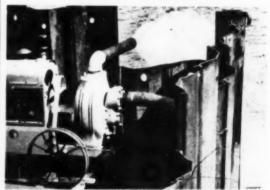


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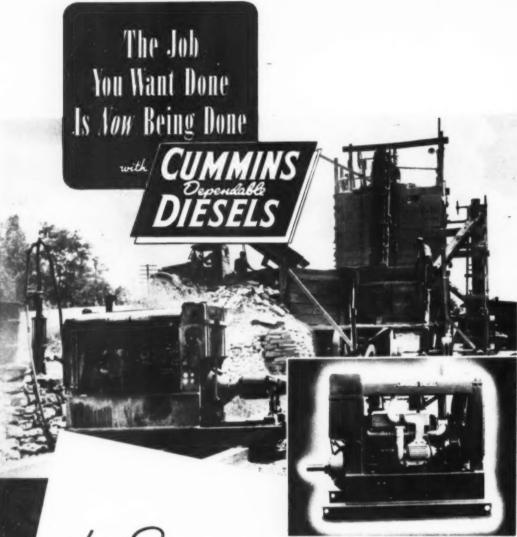
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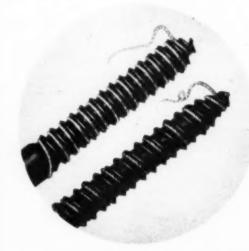


Above: Model HPS-600 (supercharged) Cummins Dependable Diesel. 200 hp. at 1800 rpm.

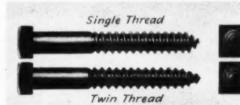
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valve; (5) three hydraulic hoists mounted on scraper frame. Of three hoists, one raises and lowers scraper bowl, one opens and closes front gate and third operates rear push-out apron. Three control levers mounted on back of tractor seat handy to operator enable him merely to move these levers forward or back to raise or lower hoist pistons—The Heil Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

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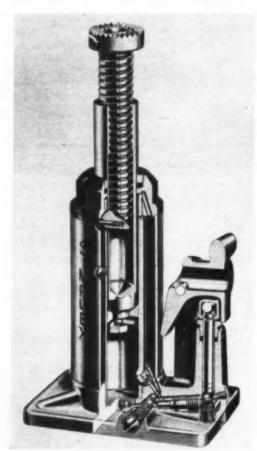
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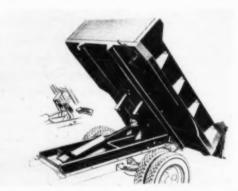
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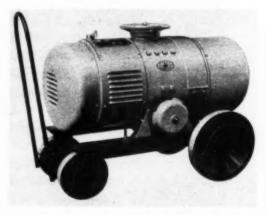
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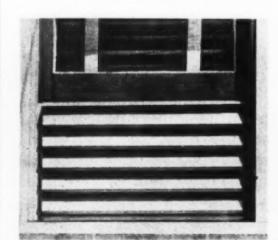
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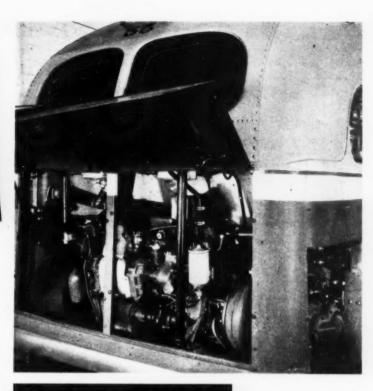
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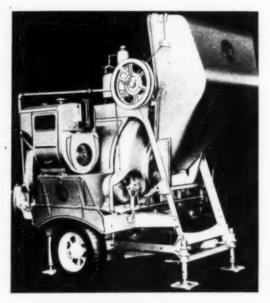


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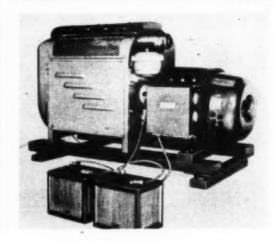
NEW MODEL TRAILER-MIXER, available in 10S size, is equipped with V-type air-cooled engine said to give added power and to eliminate excess weight as well as cold weather hazards. Other trailers in this line equipped with air-cooled engines are 5S and 7S models.—Construction Machinery Co., Waterloo, Jowa.

PNEUMATIC TIRED 4-WHEEL DRIVE TRACTOR, called "Wheel-tor" uses standard tractor chassis, power unit and steering system, minus track frame and crawler tracks. Claims following advantages: tractor reliability, service and maneuverability and



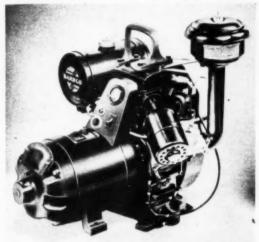
increased speed on long hauls. On test runs speeds up to 20 m.p.h. with fully loaded 10-yd. scraper have been attained. Unit pushes as well as pulls and may be operated by workman without long period of training or special skill. Hydraulic operating equipment supplied with unit which is mounted on International TD-14 tractor chassis.—Isaacson Iron Works, Seattle, Wash.

FOUR-CYLINDER LIGHT PLANT, said to be ideal for stand-by service as well as for continuous duty, generates 4,000 watts at 1,800 r.p.m. or 2,000 watts at 1,200 r.p.m. standard 110-v., 60-cycle a.c. Powered by 4-cylinder Le Roi air-cooled engine, 14 hp., bore and stroke 234x3 in. Length, 42 in.; width, 20 in.; height, 29 in. net weight approximately 800 lb. Vibration transfer said to be reduced to minimum



by lour-point rubber mountings suitable for stationary, truck or trailer use. Engine furnished with magneto and emergency hand crank. Two 6-v, batteries furnish self-cranking current if self-cranking is necessary. Other sizes in 1,800-r.p.m. units range from 240 to 10,000 watts. 1,200-r.p.m. models available in sizes 1,500 to 7,500 watts. Two or three wire single phase service or three phase available.—Kato Engineering Co., Mankato, Minn.

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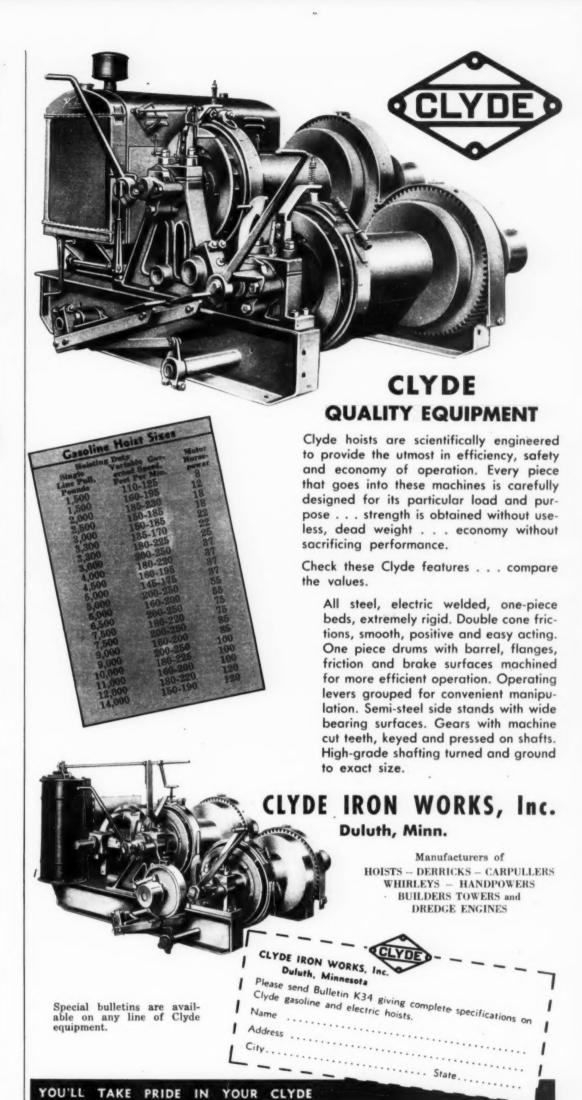


circuit breaker voltmeter or instrument panel, moisture-proof generator windings, air intake cleaner and integral fuel tank. Equipped with electric starter, built-in fuel tank, engine instrument panel containing oil pressure, water temperature and vacuum gages, voltmeter and rheostat and battery ammeter. Available in 3,000- and 5,000-watt sizes, a.c. or d.c. Master generators used on both types of plank are of inherent voltage regulation type. Fully automatic starting and stopping controls optional. — Bardco Manufacturing & Sales Co., Les Angeles, Calif.

TWO-WHEEL WELDING TRUCK designed to carry oxygen cylinder, acetylene cylinder and complete welding and cutting outfit is said to be lightweight, well balanced and has 14-in. wheels equipped with semi-pneumatic rubber tires. These features are



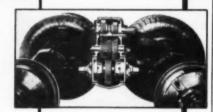
claimed to make unit easy to maneuver, and to handle over rough places. Overall width has been reduced 4½ in., permitting passage through narrower openings. Size of removable metal tool box for extra blow-pipes, tips, goggles, and wrenches has been increased.—The Linde Air Products Co., 30 E. 42nd St., New York City.



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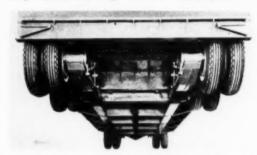
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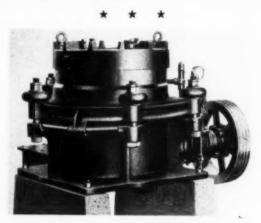


ZIPPER-TYPE WINTER LINING for Skullgards is so designed and attached to hat that every part of head, neck and ears is covered to provide complete protection against cold and snow. Consists of two parts: (1) Skullcap laced into Skullgard shell integral with sweatband; (2) earlugs that zip into skullcap. This lining may be assembled in field and will not affect original sweatband size. Made of water repellent old hipped with weater material. water repellent cloth lined with woolen material. Supplied in two sizes for large and small Skullgard shells. — Mine Safety Appliance Co., Braddock. Thomas & Meade Sts., Pittsburgh. Pa.

ROCKING-BEAM TRAILER, said to be innovation in heavy-duty trailer field, has on each side, at rear, welded box section which rocks lengthwise of welded box section which rocks lengthwise of frame. At either end of each section is short nontapering axle which carries wheel on two heavy-duty Timken bearings. Axle is cambered to lit



normal crown of road. Said to be popular in states where permissible load is based on number of different axle planes. In these states type T trailers are rated as two axle rear trailers and are acceptable. Design of this trailer also permits building units only 8 ft. wide in capacities from 15 to 35 tons whereas cross-sections of tires restrict standard type trailers of this width to 25 tons.—Rogers Bros. Corp., 220 Orchard St., Albien, Pa.



REDUCTION CRUSHER, 28-in. size, an addition to line of Telsmith Intercone crushers, is offered to large gravel producers who require volume capacity, but who, through necessity, must keep initial investment at minimum.—Smith Engineering Works, 532 E. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, Wis.



If you need a 1-yard excavator with real guts from dipper teeth to cats, ask for the full story on the 29-B.

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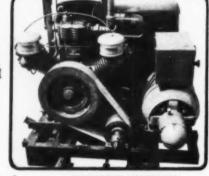


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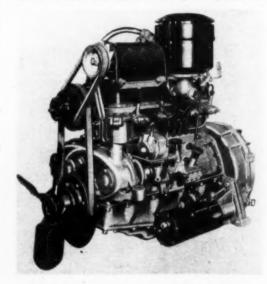


Mason and Hanger's central mixing plant with two Ransome 28-S Big Mixers. A Ransome Truck Mixer is shown under the hopper.

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LARGER DIESEL ENGINE in "power package" form for replacement use in Ford trucks is 4-cylinder model with displacement of 255 cu.in., with 41/4x41/2-in. bore and stroke and with horsepower peak of 79



at 2,600 r.p.m. It develops 178 ft./lb. of torque at 1,400 r.p.m. and is said to maintain high torque output over wide range of engine speeds. No major changes in chassis are necessary in making installation.—Hercules Motors Corp., Canton, Ohio.

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TRAILER DUMP WAGON, 12-cu.yd. capacity, has been added to Koehring line of Trail-Dumps. With increased capacity strength of body has been increased, 'automatic hand" winding mechanism has been improved and other changes have been made



to take care of increased load. Powered by General Motors 107-hp., 2-cycle diesel engine or by 107 hp. 6-cylinder gasoline engine, as desired. Develops speeds up to 20 m.p.h. Equipped with below-center, non-raring hitch said to permit 91-in. tractor wheelbase.—Koehring Co., 3026 W. Concordia Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

CABLE-CONTROLLED SCRAPER with struck capacity of 15 and heaped capacity of 19 cu.yd. may be used behind standard D8 tractor and loaded either with or without pusher, an advantage that makes unit adaptable either to long or short hauls and to operation singly or in fleet. Blade, 8 ft. 6 in. in width permits use on highways and narrow fills. Double-bucket feature enables first bucket to be loaded to capacity and to travel back on rollers instead of being forced, thus reducing loading resistence.



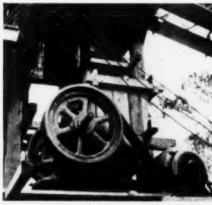
tance and giving larger possible loads for expended tractor effort. High sides retain material that would otherwise "boil" over and be lost by downhill or pusher loading. New apron design increases capacity, reduces overflow and facilitates loading by reducing entrance friction. Positive, wipe-out ejection tailgate gives accurate control of spread, eliminating necessity for secondary spreading tools, emptying bowl completely and quickly. Single dead-ended cable on either side of bowl pulls tailgate from vertical load center, thus reducing friction and wear on tailgate rollers and cable. Goose-neck or swan-neck yoke gives increased clearance for single or dual tires when working on uneven ground.—R. G. Le Tourneau, Inc., Peoria, Ill.

### NEW NAVAL AIR BASE

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Under hopper with rail-bar grizzly, 30" x 5'6" Telsmith Plate Feeder regulates flow of material onto belt conveyor feeding scalping and crushing plant.



Feed conveyor discharges to Telsmith Rotary Grizzly and the plus 4" material that it rejects is crushed by 18" x 30" Telsmith Roller Bearing Jaw Crusher.



Everything passing No. 450 Telsmith Rotary Grizzly flows over 5'x 10' Telsmith Single Deck Pulsator. Minus 2½" goes to washing and screening plant...

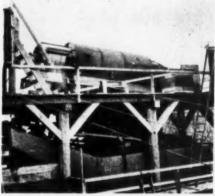
# THIS TELSMITH PLANT RUNS 20 HOURS A DAY TO SUPPLY IT



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To Earthmovers Considering High-Speed, Self-Propelled Scraper Rigs



Choose Machines That Have Proved Profitable

When you put Tournapulls on your job, you get high-speed, self-propelled rigs designed from the ground up for profitable scraper loading and hauling over construction roads. You get weight where it's needed-on the drive wheels-to give you traction for pulling big yardages through tough going. You get plenty of power and the proper gear ratios with this traction to give you the quick acceleration so necessary for high average speed. You use the same big-yardage Carryall Scrapers and sureacting LeTourneau Power Control Units that have proved such big money-makers with tractors. You save on equipment costs, too, because Tournapulls haul and spread their own loads, do a partial job of compacting, require only a pusher for loading.

### WORKING IN 30 STATES

Today Tournapulls are in daily use in 30 states and several countries abroad, extending Carryall savings to long hauls beyond tractor-scraper range. Like scores of other successful contractors you can increase your profits with Tournapulls. See your LeTourneau-"Caterpillar" dealer . . . get your order in NOW to assure early delivery.

One of 4 Standard C Tournapulls (powered by "Caterpillar" D468 engines) and LS Carryalls (11 heaped yards) rushing H. E. Wolfe's big airport job at Chamblee, Ga. Other LeTourneau equipment on the project includes 8 Carryalls, 3 'Dozers, 2 Sheep's Foot Rollers and 2 Rooters.

#### BUILT FOR EASY OPERATION

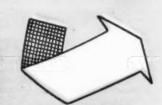
Just as tiller wheels long ago were discarded as useless on track-type tractors, so LeTourneau eliminated front steering wheels on Tournapulls.



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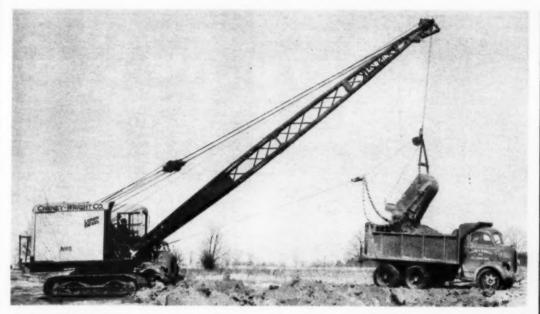


within easy reach of the operator's airfoam bucket seat. Big brakes on both Tournapull and Scraper assure quick stopping and complete control on grades.



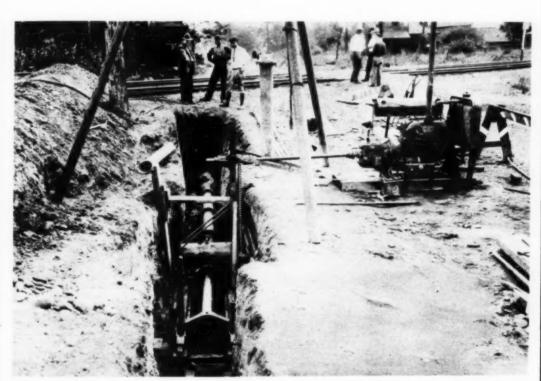
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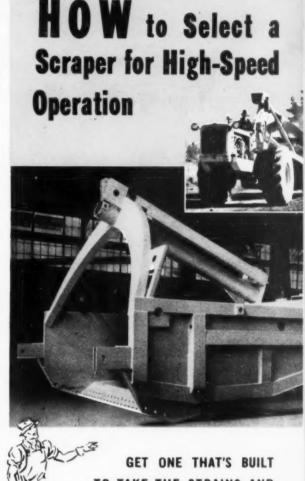
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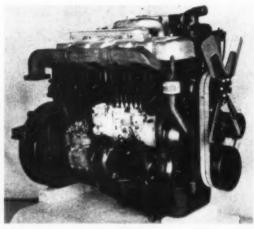
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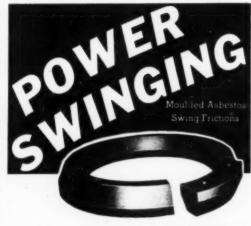
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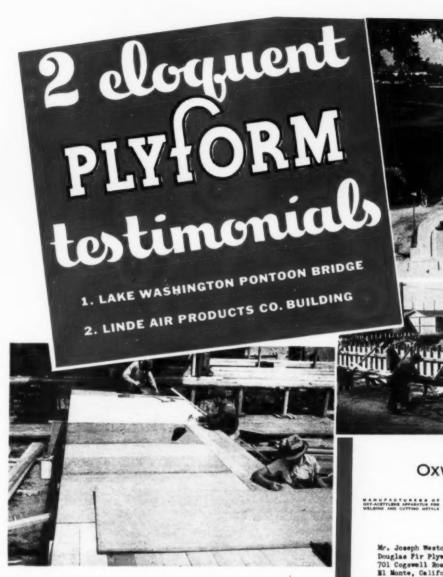
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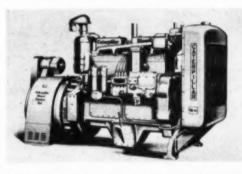
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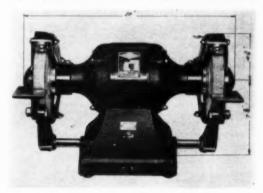
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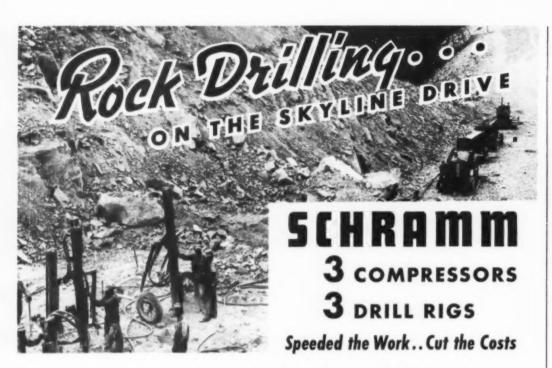
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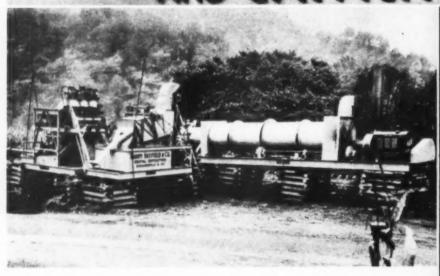
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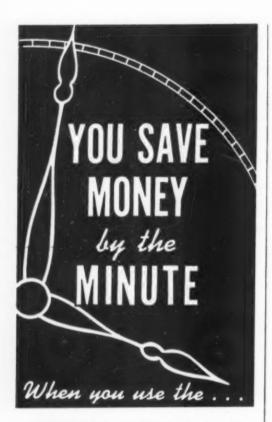
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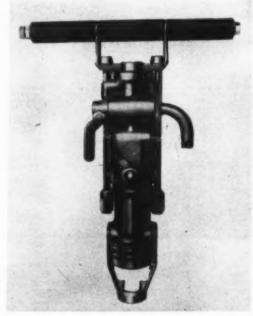
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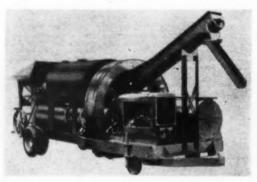
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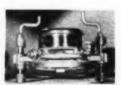


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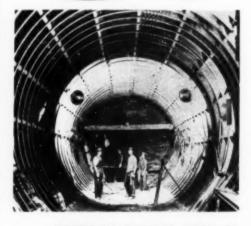
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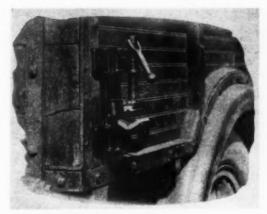
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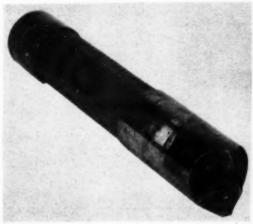
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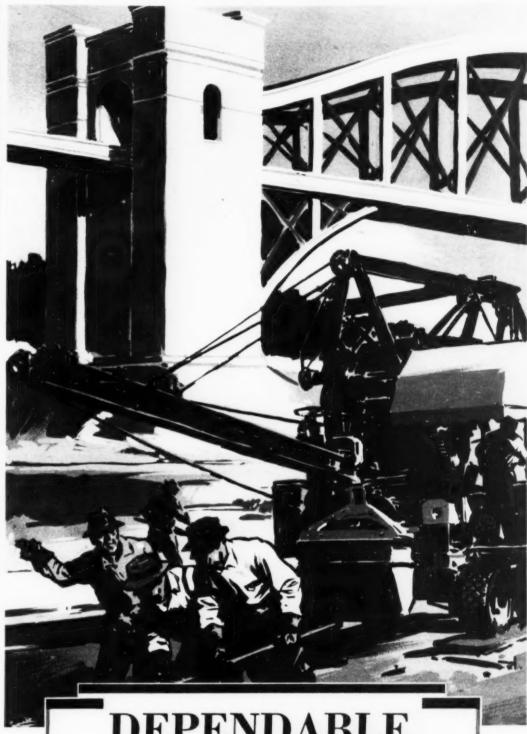


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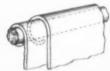
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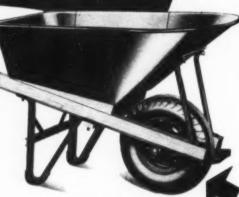


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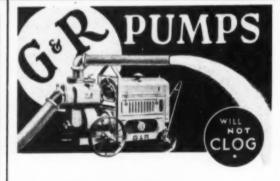


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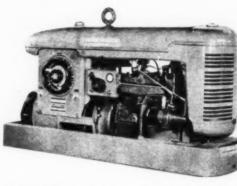
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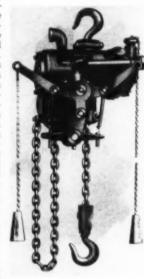
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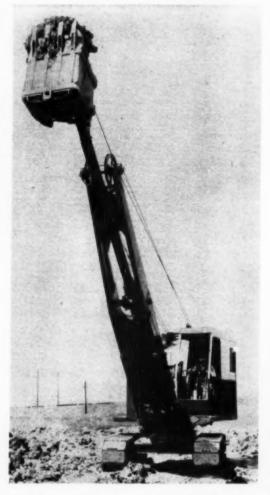
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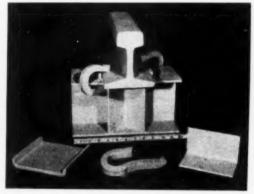
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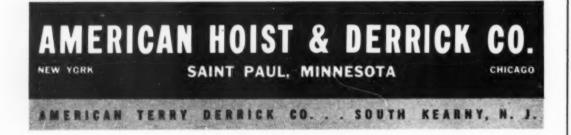




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AND DIESEL POWER UNITS - Hercules Motors Corp., Canton, Ohio. (76 pp., illustrated.) Wide range of types and sizes of gasoline and diesel heavy-duty power units —4 to 200 hp. — with data on 6-, 4- and 2-cylinder machines, including dimension views, pow-



er curves, working load tables and complete specifications. Two pages are devoted to recommendations for proper se-lection of power unit for work to be accomplished. Units of 4 and 6 cylinders are available in closed, open and base types. Feature of diesel unit design

is progressive turbulence and ontrolled combustion of fuel mixture. One section controlled combustion of fuel mixture. One section of catalog deals with such accessories as electric starters, mufflers and silencers, fuel pumps, air cleaners, oil purifiers, spark plug covers and operating speed controls. This catalog is unusually comprehensive, well. arranged, profusely illustrated and for quick reference. It tells prospective user about every thing he needs to know in making proper selection of gas or diesel power units within a range of from 4 to 200 hp.

HOW TO MAINTAIN D. C. MOTORS—General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y. (8 pp., illustrated.) This booklet contains practical suggestions and basic rules on d.c. motor maintenance, including such subjects as selection of motor, inspection and servicing, overhauling and repairs and safety. A valuable feature of the publication is a trouble-correction chart, listing symptoms, causes and remedies.

PREVENTION OF TERMITE DAMAGE—The Wood Preserving Corp., Koppers Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. (18 pp. illustrated) Treatise on termite prevention and extermination compiled largely from publications and statements issued by United States Bureau of Entomology. Gives history and habitat of termite, methods of preventing termite attack, precautions to be taken in construction of new buildings, and eradication of termites in existing buildings. Final section deals with recommendations for use of pressure treated lumber for reconstruction of new buildings.

LARGE CAPACITY EXCAVATOR — Hamischieger Corp., Milwaukee, Wis. (30 pp., illustrated.) Bulletin X-21-1 describes P&H Model 955, which is available as 2½-yd. shovel, 3-yd. dragline, 3-yd. clamshell, or crawler crane. There is also long-range model capable of handling 3-yd. dragline bucket on 110-ft. boom, or 4-yd. clamshell bucket. This model is equipped with extra-long crawlers and wide shoes for maximum stability and low ground pressure. The new machine is built entirely of rolled high tensile steels, well-welded, and is diesel powered — with electricity as alternative equipment.

HOISTS, TROLLEYS, CRANES — Wright Manufacturing Divi-sion, American Chain & Cable Co., Inc., York, Pa. (99 pp., il-lustrated.) Revised edition of catalog covers hand-operated hoisting equipment, trolleys and cranes. Additions to line include floor type gantry crane, portable floor crane and new winch. Complete data are included on spur-geared, screw-geared and differential hoists, as well as consid-

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Range of 4-, 6- and 12-cylinder models with maxi-

12-cylinder models with maximum brake horsepower from 67 at 2,200 r.p.m. to 500 at 1,000 r.p.m. Curves show engine performance and fuel consumption at various speeds. Condensed specifications in tabulated form. Newest addition to line is supercharged, 6-cylinder model of 125 hp. at 2,200 r.p.m. Engine parts are described and illustrated. Suggestions on lubrication and fuel. Feature of Cummins diesel

fuel. Feature of Cummins diesel design is one valveless fuel pump that meters and delivers fuel to all cylinders and cam-actuated fuel injector.

EARTH-MOVING EQUIPMENT—R. G. LeTourneau. Inc., Peoria, Ill. (31 pp., illustrated.) Complete line of company's bulldozers, angledozers, rooters, carryall scrapers, sheepsfoot rollers, pushdozers, treedozers, and tractor cranes. Written and prepared as though two men, an operator and an engineer or contactor, were discussing the features and advan-tages of the different tools. In addition, the operator and contractor visit the LeTourneau factory and see the construction and manufacture of the different machines and also learn about the Tournacar weld-

REVOLVING CRANE—American Hoist & Derrick Co., St. Paul, Minn. (50 pp., illustrated.) Describes self-propelling traveling crane running on double-flanged track wheels or a traveling gantry of any desired practicable height. Also used with stationary tower mountings, barge mountings and skids. Powered by steam, gas or diesel engines or electric motors. For general construcmotors. For general construc-tion work, handling bulk ma-terials, around industrial plants and on dredge, dock and wharf work. Pictures illustrate a wide

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BUCKETS FOR SINGLE DRUM HOISTS—**Blaw-Knox**Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. (40 pp., illustrated). Types of buckets described under this user guide book include: (1) Single line hook-on clamshells for quick detaching and intermittent service, using single crane hook for operation; (2) single-line direct reev-ed type clamshells for permanent installations; (3) ed type clamshells for permanent installations; (3) extremely low head room hook-on type clamshell buckets for quick detaching and intermittent service in handling sand, coal, coke and other loose or easy-to-dig materials where operating headroom is particularly limited; (4) single and two-line ship's tackle clamshells for unloading of granular bulk cargo from ocean vessels; (5) two-line hook-on type clamshells for quick detaching and intermittent service, using two crane hooks for operation; (6) dump buckets of tip-over type used whenever detachable hook-on type hand-dump and self-righting bucket is required; (7) bottom-dump buckets of controlled disrollable roller-gate type for easily controlled discharge, for example, of foundry sand through bottom-dump hook-on bucket; (8) Ingot tongs for handling upright ingots, either hot or cold—also tongs for special requirements.

ALL-WHEEL DRIVE—Marmon-Herrington Co., Inc., Indianap-olis, Ind. (14 pp., illustrated.) Describes conversion of standard Ford motor vehicles to allwheel drive, with energy of V-8 power plant distributed to or six wheels instead of



four or six wheels instead of two, in order to produce added traction. Conversion involves substitution of new driving front axle for original front axle assembly, new two-speed auxiliary transmission or transfer case and changes in steering assembly. Table of specifications for various models.

PUMPED CONCRETE—Chain Belt Co., Milwaukee, Wis. (24 pp., illustrated.) Describes 1941 Rex Pumpcrete models which are now equipped with 3-way

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DIESEL TRUCK ENGINES - Cummins Engine Co., Columbus, Ind. (12 pp., illustrated.) Four-cycle units of 4 and 6 cylinders in power range from 66 to 200 hp. Details regarding fuel metering, distributing and injecting system. Electric starter. Detailed specifications in tabular form.

CREOSOTED WOOD CULVERTS—Koppers Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. (8 pp., illustrated.) Prefabricated culverts which can be erected by unskilled field labor and which withstand loads in excess of 20,000 lb. are described in booklet, "Pressure-Creosoted Laminex Culverts" (Form G-16). These culverts are made of laminated, pressure-creosoted wood, with sections interlocking cornerwise and lengthwise to form a solid, unified construction. Drawings and photos show how they are assembled. The booklet cites their advantages and use for railroads, highways, airport drainage, conduit for pipe lines, waste and storm sewers. A table lists sizes obtainable. Details of the lumber and preservative treatment used are given. CREOSOTED WOOD CULVERTS - Koppers Co., given.

CONVEYOR BELT — B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, Ohio. 10 pp., illustrated.) Text and pictures show construction details and varied types of operation of cord conveyor belt. Same principle

construction of cord construction used in present-day automobile tires makes practical field splicing and vulcanizing. Booklet relates methods of manufacturing new type conveyor belt in non-technical language. Physical advantages of the cord belt construction are discussed in one chapter while others take of cord used in



construction are discussed in one chapter, while others take up the subjects of increased cover adhesion, flexibility, mildew resistance, freedom from stretch, vulcanized and metal splices, and engineering advantages. The method to be used in estimating the number of plies needed in the cord conveyor belt under different operating conditions is explained, as well as service conditions for which the belt is particularly adapted. Other pertinent the belt is particularly adapted. Other pertinent points in conveyor belt operation are covered.

TWO-STAGE PUMPS—Fairbanks. Morse & Co., 600 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. (6 pp., illustrated.) Line of two-stage, split-case pumps with capacities up to 550 g.p.m. at total dynamic heads ranging up to 600 ft. These units are suited to all classes of general pumping service where liquid is of low viscosity and free from foreign matter; they are used for water supply to high buildings, small municipalities, industrial and process plants, for boiler feed, hydraulic elevators, etc. Features which contribute to operating efficiency and long service life are: One-piece impellers of cast iron, hard bronze, or other alloy depending on requirements; "back to back" mounting on shaft to assure proper hydraulic balance; hand-finished interior surfaces; removable wearing rings with streamlined water hydraulic balance; hand-finished interior surfaces; removable wearing rings with streamlined water guiding surfaces on both casing and impeller; shaft, of high manganese alloy steel, journaled in ball bearings of ample size to withstand all thrust and radial loads; centrifugally-cast bronze shaft sleeves mounted on shaft to protect it against abrasive or corrosive action of the liquid; horizontally divided bronze glands to facilitate removal and adjustment of packing; compact casing horizontally divided so that upper casing may be lifted to expose entire rotating element.



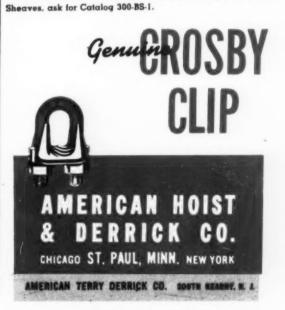
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# "Dwarf" Piledrivers

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parts) to its new manufacturing uses the first operation was the breaking up of the existing concrete floor, over most of an area of about 80,000 sq.ft. Laurance C. Roberts, Inc. performed this operation with a truck-mounted pavement breaker rig on which a Schramm gasoline-powered compressor supplied air to an impact tool on the rear end of the truck, illustrated herewith. The cylinder actuating the breaker tool, which is equipped with a 250-lb. striking head, has a 6-in. bore and a 4-ft. stroke. The machine delivers 15,000 ft.-lb. blows at the rate of about 60 per minute. Three of these machines completed the floor breaking job in 6 days.

### Low-Head Pile Rigs

As the old concrete floor was removed a fleet of 5 special piledriving rigs started to work to provide support for the new floor. They had to be designed to clear the piping of the sprinkler system hung from the ceiling of the first story of the building which allowed a working clearance of only 91/2 ft. Each rig, with leads 9 ft. 3 in. long, consisted essentially of a pair of Aframes of heavy timber, 10x10-in. pieces being used for the sills and 8x8's for the verticals and inclined braces, as illustrated. The piledriving rigs were moved from one setup to the next on rollers. From a sheave at the top of each rig was hung a No. 7 McKiernan-Terry doubleacting pile hammer, weighing 5,000 lb, and working in vertical leads bolted to the timber frame. The movement of the hammer, which was operated by steam, was controlled by a cable from the single-drum of a LeRoi gasoline engine hoist. The pile hammer with an 800-lb. ram has a stroke of 91/2 in., delivers up to 225 blows per minute and develops 4,150 ft.-lb. of energy per blow. Its overall length is 73 in.

On account of the low headroom which governed piledriving operations, the steel casings for the piles, 103/4-in. o.d. pipe had to be handled in 5- to 6-ft. lengths and jointed as driving progressed to depths of 25 to 32 ft. The first length of casing put down was equipped with a conical caststeel driving shoe. Joints between successive pipe lengths were made with caststeel sleeves designed with circular flanges for contact with abutting pipe ends and slightly tapered walls to insure a snug driving fit between pipe lengths. Each pile was driven to a penetration that would insure a load-carrying capacity of 20 tons. A total of 766 piles was driven in the 440x 200-ft. ground floor area of the building.

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### Concrete Fill for Pile Casings

After driving was completed each steel casing was filled with a 1:2:4 mix of concrete. Delivered by trucks from a local ready-mix plant, the concrete first was discharged through one of the windows of the building into a large receiving hopper

and thence was moved to each newly driven pile in concrete buggies. From the buggies concrete was shoveled into the pile casings through a funnel-shaped hopper placed in their open ends.

The final operations consisted in cutting off at proper grade with an oxyacetylene torch the ends of the steel casings, capping the piles and pouring over them a new 8-in. thick reinforced floor.

### Personnel

For Laurance C. Roberts, Inc., general contractor, Philip A. Hyatt, vice-president was project manager, J. K. Bell was field superintendent while E. M. Mahoney supervised piledriving operations for the MacArthur Concrete Pile Corp. The firm of Francisco & Jacobus, of New York City, were architects and engineers.

# Huge Canvas Tent PROTECTS EARTH FILL

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snow load. This is considered necessary because, while the tent itself weighs only 15 tons, if a snow load 1 ft. deep were to be accumulated over the entire area, the load carried by the cable system would be increased to 20 times the weight of the tent itself.

About 29,000 ft. of manila rope ranging from ½ in. to 2½ in. in diameter are used on the job, together with 1,200 steel pulley blocks and 94,000 ft. of wire rope. In the entire assembly, there are 7,000 rope splices and on the 196x328-ft. canvas surface there are about 1,000 reef points. The canvas used is 10-oz. waterproof duck which comes to the tent maker's shop in strips 28½ in. wide. There will be two open hatches in the tent, each 34x80 ft. in size, through which construction materials will be lowered or raised.

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As the height of the dam increases, the area of canvas required will also have to be increased and, by reason of the irregularity in the canyon walls, its shape will have to be changed. This is provided for in the design, which imposes complex requirements on the tent maker because each of the strips of canvas that goes to make up the huge "top" is cut to an irregular pattern and additions likewise will be cut on a bias.

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program. The work is divided into divisions (usually 8 to 12 of these have been functioning at one time) each in charge of a superintendent directing perhaps eight crews, each consisting of 20 or more men. Each of these crews has a specialty and does nothing else. The crew that pours concrete footings is followed by those that place sills, creosoted posts and floor beams. Then come floor and wall crews followed by others for stairs, rafters, roofing and trim. As each crew finishes its specialty work on one building, it is transferred promptly to the next building in line with no lost time.

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Then tongue-and-groove gypsum sheathing is laid down on the studs and nailed. Over this is placed a double-kraft, waterproofed building paper and, finally, outer tongue-and-groove 1-in. boards are placed and nailed. In the panels thus put together on the flat even the openings are marked and the sheathing is cut away to studs and headers with Skilsaws. The completed side (or end) panel is then raised to vertical position and braced. After this bracing and the succeeding plumbing of the panels, window and door frames can go in and, if the panel completes the wall height, rafters can then be handed up. After walls and ends are erected, practically nothing more has to be done on the outside of the building and thus the usual two-story staging is entirely unnecessary.

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project over the lower story (in the twostory buildings) are assembled before raising as part of the second floor wall panels so that when the walls are upright. the bracketed supports have been swung out exactly into place. For nailing these brackets to the walls, an outside working platform is needed somewhat above the lower floor level. This is the only outside staging required on the standard building; it is relatively simple to put up and is not high off the ground.

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### Wall Panels Upended

There are some tricks, naturally, in upending these wall panels quickly and safely. For example, when the sills are laid down on the sub-floors, they are placed 4 in. inside the line marking the edge of the outer wall. Before raising the panels, 2x4-in. blocks are fastened down, with partially driven nails, on this 4-in. ledge outside the sills. These blocks are placed just outside window openings where they will be easily accessible from within after the panel is erect. Thus the wall panels are swung to upright position 4 in. inside their final location. When temporary braces have been put on and before the wall is finally trued up, these blocks are taken up and the wall panel is crowded out 4 in. with the aid of pinchbars. This movement is simplified and safeguarded by "stops" or short pieces temporarily nailed in an upright position to the outside of the sheathing so that they limit the outward movement during the 4-in. shift and pending the spiking of the sills.

The building ends go up before the sidewalls, always one story at a time. As the ends constitute relatively small sections. the carpenter crew can set them up without help. Temporary bracing for the ends is put on the outside to leave the floor area entirely clear for the two sidewall panels. All buildings are wide enough to allow both sidewalls to be laid out on the floor at the same time. When walls are ready for erection, a group of laborers from some nearby operation is called in to help and the men are stationed 4 to 6 ft. apart along the prone section. In this way walls as long as 150 ft. have been

erected in one lift.

With a few temporary braces to hold the wall upright, the men then immediately turn to the other sidewall which is similarly set up. Then the extra help can be released, usually after being on the floor only a few minutes. After some experience it was found that the "eye-brow" projections could be made to fit at the building corners by making 45-deg. cuts on end and side extensions. This does away with special fitting on the outer walls.

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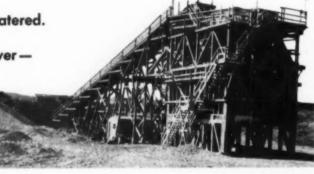
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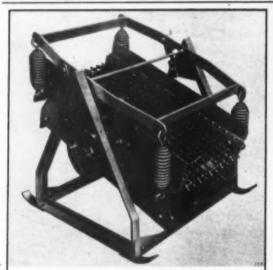
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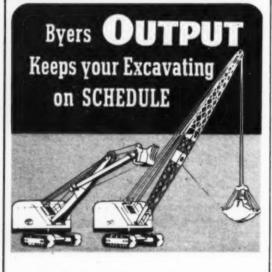
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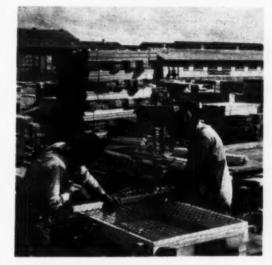


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standard barracks. In addition to the standard units, Fort Ord has numerous special buildings including warehouses and four theatres each with a seating capacity of 1,038.

Initial grading, mostly in old beach sand, totaled about 2,000,000 cu. yd. Roads and truck parking areas (frequently used as parade grounds) were surfaced with some 300,000 sq. yd. of paving consisting of 5-in. compacted rock base overlaid with 2½ in. of graduated rock impregnated with asphalt.

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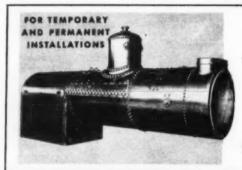


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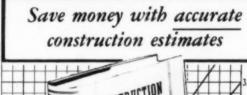
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